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**HUNT
DOWN
THIS
POLICEMAN
BOMBER!**

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**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

IRELAND UNFREE SHALL

**NEVER
BE AT
PEACE**



Maura Meehan

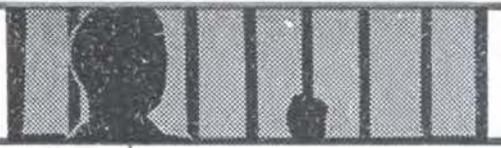
**MURDERED
IN COLD BLOOD—
MRS MAURA
MEEHAN**

Mrs. Maura Meehan, murdered by British terrorist troops on 23rd October. Her "crime"? She warned the people of the approach of the terrorist round-up squads by using a car's horn.



EXPOSED!
**BRITISH ARMY
INTELLIGENCE
SPYING METHODS**

STOP BRUTALIZING TIMMY NOONAN!



INLSF statement on the IRA



**TORTURE AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS FAIL
TO HOLD BACK IRISH PEOPLES' JUST STRUGGLE**

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BRITISH IMPERIALISM IS LOSING IN IRELAND

British imperialism is losing its colonial war against the Irish people. With each passing day the people become more steeled, more determined than ever before never to yield to their enemy.

THE AGGRESSOR FAILS
During the past year the aggressor beast has hurled its diminishing might against them. And yet it is a solid fact that the gas, the bullet and the concentration camp has failed, failed totally to stifle the risen people, particularly those fighting in the north-east occupied area.

THE ENEMY ROTTS
With every passing day the enemy rots, gets more demoralised, more aware that its unjust cause can never triumph. Its propaganda lies are wearing thin. No longer are the majority of the people of Britain being hoodwinked into believing the distortions and sheer fabrications churned out every hour by the ruling class lie machine of newspapers, television and radio. Workers and oppressed peoples across the globe are fully behind the struggling people of Ireland.

AN EXCELLENT SITUATION
The situation in Ireland is excellent for the people and terrible for their enemy. The people have many problems to overcome but these will be resolved because history and justice is on their side. The enemy has a different sort of problem, for its problems cannot be solved. In the long term it is doomed for dispatch into history. Outwardly strong and confident, but inwardly weak and panic-stricken the British ruling class can look forward only to a crushing defeat.

WRENCH THE CHAIN ASSUNDER
There are difficult times ahead. The aggressor brute will not peacefully give up his Irish profits haven. He cannot be talked into submission. There has been much of this in Ireland during the last eight centuries. He understands, fears and bows to only one instrument, the instrument of armed national liberation struggle. When the hour arrives that the masses of the people are armed with revolutionary consciousness and guns there will be no chain they cannot wrench assunder.

A COMMON ENEMY
Every worker here in Britain must have it rammed into his mind that a mortal blow struck against British imperialism in Ireland is in his greatest interest, for he has the same enemy as his battling Irish counterpart... the British ruling class which lives off both their backs.

FREEDOM—A HISTORIC INEVITABILITY
Ireland will have her freedom. This is a historic inevitability. The breaking of the colonial connection with Britain, the smashing once and for all time of the manacles of imperialist bondage, this the greatest of goals must be supported by every man, woman and child here in Britain who must be politically educated to see the truth. The cause of the heroic people of Ireland is our cause, their fight our fight, the exploited peoples of both nations are class bloodbrothers and sisters against a common foe and we must prepare to spill our blood with theirs in the times ahead.

ENEMIES OF THE IRISH PEOPLE SUPPORT WILSON'S SHAM PROPOSALS FOR IRELAND
The British Labour Party welcomed war-criminal Wilson's proposals for a so-called "united" Ireland. This underlines that Wilson's party do not represent the interests of the working people. In his speech to the House of Commons Wilson praised the aggressor troops and said they should not be withdrawn until "peace" is restored in northern Ireland. But as the people there will never give up the fight for a free country, this means that as far as Wilson's proposals go the Army would never be withdrawn. The leaders of the three major parties in the Republic supported these proposals, which amount to putting all Ireland under the murderous hand of British imperialism, because Wilson hopes his "united" Ireland would seek membership of the Commonwealth and base its social welfare and education systems on those in Britain. Included in his fifteen point plan, for which the Tories have expressed support, is a proposal for the construction of a massive new military town, something like Aldershot.

Unionist Robin Chichester-Clark also supported Wilson's proposals. Thus Lynch and the

Unionists are virtually singing a duet over the planned sell-out.

DUBLIN WORKERS SUPPORT WATERFORD STRIKERS
Waterford gas workers in a dispute over redundancy and pension pay were given support from their brothers in Dublin, who organised three pickets.

NEW "MINISTRY" FOR NORTHERN IRELAND MAY BE ESTABLISHED, SAY REPORTS
The British government is rumoured to be considering setting up a ministry to deal with its problems in northern Ireland. Whatever the British ruling class concocts the Irish people are bound to defeat it in the end. History shows it is the people who are strong, while the ruling class, which is outwardly strong, is inwardly weak.

GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO STEM GARDAI'S FALLING MORALE
Garda complaints have forced the south's "Justice" minister to announce changes in disciplinary regulations. The government is anxious to improve recruitment figures and cut the number of men leaving the force because of



"This is one I took showing army intelligence sifting through photographs in order to prepare "wanted" lists to be handed on to British army raiding squads."

resentment at petty rules and regulations. The worsening economic situation is forcing more workers out of a job. Hence the need of the ruling class to strengthen the police to cope with the inevitable rise in workers' militancy.

30,000 CHILDREN AT STARVATION LEVEL IN NORTHERN IRELAND
Stormont, lackeys of Whitehall, have refused to hold a survey into standards of nutrition of children in northern Ireland. This is despite the estimation by a group of social workers in north-east occupied Ireland that about 30,000 children there are brought up at starvation level.

The reason so many children suffer such conditions is because of the pittance of a wage the breadwinners are paid by their bosses. The



A British aggressor raiding party seated in the back of a lorry, prepares to set off in hunt of Irish men, women and child patriots. Note the darkened faces aimed

EX-SOLDIER EXPOSES BRITISH

The following exposure of British imperialism's "big brother" spy tactics is made all the more important by the fact that the information and photographs have been provided by a man who until a short time ago was a 2nd corporal, acting sergeant attached to Army Intelligence as a spy photographer in north-east occupied Ireland. The material came to this paper unsolicited and from the private resources of the man concerned, who has now left the British aggressor army in disgust. His identity is not being divulged for obvious reasons, though he has stated that he is prepared to testify publicly as to the validity.

QUESTION: What were you doing in north-east occupied Ireland?

ANSWER: Until a few months back I was a second corporal, acting sergeant in the British army. My specific job was that of a spy photographer attached to Military Intelligence...

QUESTION: What did your work involve and how were the photographs you took used?

ANSWER: First and foremost it was

This is the last issue of the "IRISH LIBERATION PRESS" before its incorporation into the new "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE". Precisely why this serves the people of Ireland, Britain and the world is explained on the back page. Seventy thousand copies of the "PRESS" were sold. A combination of political principles, hard work by all involved and your ever-growing support has made this working class achievement possible in the face of all sorts of difficulties ranging wide from police attacks to inadequate financial means.

With that combination at work in the future, the "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" to be made as the "IRISH LIBERATION PRESS" has always been made, that is literally on a kitchen table, will go from strength to strength and with it the struggle of the people against the exploitation of man by man.

our job (there were about half a dozen that I knew of doing the same thing) to photograph all those people, men, women and children, who were thought to be "involved." These photos were sifted by Intelligence officers and wanted lists drawn up which were then passed on to army raiding squads who would, in dawn raids reminiscent of what I have been told about the darkest days of Nazi Germany, raid the ghetto areas of Belfast, Armagh, Newry and Derry. Officers of Army Intelligence always led such raids.

QUESTION: How were the people treated during these spy raids?

ANSWER: During one period of three days I constantly accompanied the raiders. This was so that I could photograph any "incriminating" objects found in the homes of those wanted by Intelligence. Incidentally, the most harmless leaflet or poster was photographed and later used as evidence of "subversive" activities. Many people have gone to prison for long sentences because of this sort of "evidence." Those raided were treated in a brutal and callous manner. Often their homes were just torn apart, while the British press praised the

"security forces" for their efficiency and Army Intelligence for their "fine work." In reality I saw with my own eyes how they treated the people as if they were cattle. It was disgusting how these bullies pushed people around in their own homes.

QUESTION: How long has this systematic camera spying been going on?

ANSWER: Since the first days of large-scale military intervention in the north, but really for years, though not on the present scale. Army Intelligence, since 1969, has been building up dossiers and card index systems on known activists—and there are thousands. Anybody who was even merely suspected of being politically involved in struggle is photographed by Army Intelligence photographers. They are followed and their names, addresses and photographs are marked on "tribal maps" in various Ops. rooms throughout the six counties.

QUESTION: Have any of these photographs been sent to London?

ANSWER: Hundreds of copies of photographs and miles of film are circulating



"This one I took with a 500mm lens from a derelict building near Unity Flats".

children of the Queen have never known what it is to live on a diet of sub-standard food.

COURTS OPPRESS THE PEOPLE
—NORTH AND SOUTH

Two cases in December illustrate the anti-working-class nature of the courts both north and south.

At Belfast Magistrates' Court, Mrs. Marguarite O'Hare, a young mother with three children, was charged with the murder of a British aggressor soldier. She had to limp into court on crutches due to injuries inflicted by aggressor troops. The lucky magistrate revealed his inhumanity and viciousness when, despite the fact the court knew that Mrs. O'Hare had been crippled for life by gunshot wounds, he refused outright to grant her bail.

The other case occurred in the south at Ballyshannon where three patriots were charged with offences under the firearms act, at the end of December.

So scared were the authorities by the people's anger that they called in 150 garda and troops to guard the courtroom while the hearing was in progress. 500 local people picketed the courtroom in support of the patriots. Fighting broke out between the people and the troops and garda, during which the people used paving stones to deal with the troublemakers. The people issued a warning that any further collaboration between the Lynch regime and the British ruling class would be strongly resisted.

SPECIAL AIR SERVICES REGIMENT ACTIVE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Units of the Special Air Services Regiment (a part of the imperialist British Army) have been on active service in northern Ireland since March 1971. The S.A.S. are specially trained in keeping down anti-imperialist movements and in interrogation techniques. Arch-people's enemy Lord Balniel has denied that units of the S.A.S. are in northern Ireland, even though the S.A.S. is being secretly used against anti-imperialist struggles in Aden and the Trucial States. However, the working people in N. Ireland are showing the representatives of British imperialism (its Army and S.A.S.) exactly what it thinks of them, and whatever low tactics the British oppressors may use they will never keep down the working masses.

MORE OUT OF WORK IN THE SOUTH

Over 70,000 workers are jobless in the south. Indications are that the situation will worsen in 1972 following 53 factory closures in 1971. Many of these were important industries such as textiles. Capitalist financiers admit the increase is due largely to the economic situation in Britain. In the north, too, the unemployment situation is worsening. The jobless total has risen to 8.5 per cent, the highest for 19 years. Many people suspect that the real figure is more like 10-11 per cent and that the bosses class is cooking the facts.

MAUDLING ADMITS IMPERIALIST VICTORY UNLIKELY

Maudling, currently responsible for administering the brutal repression of the heroic Irish

people, has been forced to make an important admission. For the first time since the dispatch of aggressor troops to the north, Maudling has said the Irish people are unlikely to be defeated. This exposes the imperialist lies that the patriots are an insignificant section of the population. It again shows that the true terrorists are the 14,000 British aggressor troops whose function is to smash the just struggle of the Irish people on behalf of the exploiting class.

WILSON "IMPRESSED"

That reactionary scab and ruling-class lackey Wilson said on leaving the north in November he had been impressed by the "wisdom and sense of the General Officer in Command". What he meant is he had been impressed by the way the aggressors are oppressing the people by murder and terror.

DOUBLE OPPRESSION OF IRISH PENSIONERS

A group of middle-class intellectuals at a seminar held in Cork during mid-November 1971, admitted that Irish old-age pensioners get a worse deal from their government than old folk in other European capitalist countries. Social Security benefits are even less and harder to come by for Irish pensioners than for pensioners in other countries. Only under a Socialist system will old people be able to live full and decent lives, without going with sub-standard and poor food, and almost freezing to death in winter, which is the fate of many old-age pensioners who live in a capitalist country.

MASS RAIDS BY AGGRESSOR TROOPS IN ANTI-UNIONIST AREAS

Although the British Army continues to raid the homes of Anti-Unionists, particularly in the Ardoyne, where in November 1971, 1,200 troops were used in one raid, there is evidence that there are more arms in the possession of Unionists than patriots. The British Army deny this, although they admit that the great majority of raids are carried out in anti-Unionist areas.

POLICE AND ARMY CRIMINALS CALLED IN TO QUELL KIDNAPPED PATRIOTS

200 troops and police were rushed to Belfast's Crumlin Road jail early on January 9th after an uprising by patriots in the detention wing. An Army spokesman said ridiculously that "there was no question of violence" being involved. Crumlin Road jail houses many kidnapped patriots. Several have escaped recently.

BRITISH RULING-CLASS ARMY TO OPEN NEW INTERNMENT CAMP IN NORTH

One day Magilligan, and the rest of the camps in the north, will come in handy—for keeping vermin like Faulkner under lock and key while the liberated people go about building a united socialist Ireland.



at inducing terror and the sheet of photographs of the "wanted" stuck to the inside panel of their vehicle. Here is the inside story of how these terrorists

in khaki came to have those photographs in front of them as they ventured out on the kill in north-east occupied Ireland.



"I took this shot in Armagh in July 1970. It was a propaganda 'set-up' for use in British papers and other reaction-

ary media across the world. I did lots like this at various times".

ARMY INTELLIGENCE SPYING METHODS

throughout the police stations and barracks of northern Ireland and Britain. QUESTION: How did you manage to get the photographs?

ANSWER: Army Intelligence provided us with cover. They got us accredited as journalists and we mixed with the press corps for cover. Of course, we wore civilian clothes. We were simply spying on the people. We were given the latest spy camera equipment, special lenses that would allow us to take shots from long distances and others that could take photos during the dark.

QUESTION: But weren't the people ever suspicious of you?

ANSWER: On occasions, yes. But if I ever got into a tight corner I would produce a forged card provided of course by Army Intelligence, which said that I was from a Welsh-language newspaper sympathetic to the Free Wales Army. The idea was that this would make people feel friendly towards me and get me out of the jam.

QUESTION: Were your photographs used for any other purposes?



"If I remember correctly, this one I shot at the funeral of a man called O' Kane in September, 1970. I was told by army

ANSWER: Yes, one other important use was made of certain pictures. These were ones that were "set-up" for propaganda use in British papers and reactionary publications throughout the world. We used to be ordered by Army Intelligence to kid a group of children into sitting with a soldier. Intelligence would give them sweets and promise them all sorts of presents which their parents could never have afforded with so much unemployment. The kids didn't know what was going on. They thought it was just a game. But it was no game as far as Intelligence was concerned. It was an important part of their job of trying to ensure that people in Britain and elsewhere were subjected to dose after planned dose of poisonous lies about what is happening in the northern part of Ireland.

QUESTION: Who masterminded this aspect of Army Intelligence work?

ANSWER: Men like Major Kennedy, Military Intelligence Liaison Officer between Special Branch and the R.U.C.

QUESTION: Why are you volunteering this statement?

Intelligence that funerals were very useful as a source of information."

ANSWER: Because what I've seen and what I've done has sickened me. I'm not trying to make any excuses. But the least I feel in my conscience that I must do is to make this thing public. You may be suspicious of me coming to you people. But anyway, this is what I have to tell you. I really believed that Britain was a democratic, free country. Now I see that this is not so. The British establishment has created a police state in northern Ireland and seems intent on doing the same thing here in Britain. I'm told that militants are being photographed here in Britain for doing nothing more than taking part in strikes. They always told me at school that it was socialists and communists who supported terrorism and "big brother" techniques. But it's not the Irish people who are the terrorists. I know. I've seen it from the other side. I've started to read about socialism now. The "Irish Liberation Press" I bought in a pub one night really made me think.

QUESTION: Is there much demoralization in the British army in Ireland?

ANSWER: Yes. A lot of men are confused and more and more are feeling

guilty about being in what they realize is someone else's country. There's no enthusiasm, apart from the real pigs who get a great kick out of beating people up. Yes, there are quite a few who are demoralized and simply want it all to end. They know they can't win in the long run. QUESTION: Has the spying and the brutality frightened the Irish people?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Now that you're out of the army, what are you doing?

ANSWER: I'm not sure. I've tried to get work as a photographer, but things seem tight as far as jobs go. I've walked miles. I've been unemployed since I came out. Funny, most of the people in northern Ireland I was instructed to photograph were protesting about being unemployed. Now here I am in the same position as they are. No money, no job, and I can't see what future there is until things are changed completely. That's what attracts me to socialism.



"This one was of a student speaking against imprisonment and other forms

of oppression."

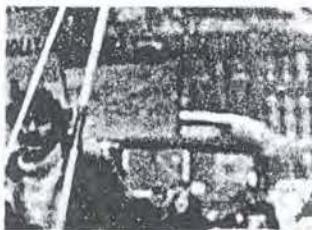
The Struggle in Britain



HUNT DOWN THIS POLICEMAN BOMBER!

Irish Liberator

SPECIAL BRANCH BOMBER



The man pictured here is a police officer, a member of the Special Branch, probably of the Irish wing. He was sent by his ruling-class masters to infiltrate the INLSF. For several months during 1969/70, however, it was Dick Jackson, as he described himself, who was in fact being closely watched by the INLSF. A dossier of evidence was drawn up and Jackson was summoned to a meeting to face charges. He

failed to turn up and disappeared.

Jackson, like all Special Branch pigs working with all revolutionary organisations, had two functions to perform within the INLSF: the first was to get information about the organisation and its links with other anti-racist, anti-fascist, anti-imperialist individuals and organisations; the second was to set-up people, to frame them ready for trial and imprisonment, as was done in the case of Smullen and Doherty, two Irish patriots now serving long prison sentences in ruling class jails here in this country.

JACKSON INVESTIGATED

Over time a picture emerged. He would say nothing about his personal background. He claimed to believe passionately in the revolutionary cause, yet he had no previous political history and could tell of no involvement in politics in Ireland—in short his revolutionary consciousness had dropped straight out of the blue sky. Using the name of the INLSF he attended

FIFTEEN YEARS FOR PRESCOTT
Jake Prescott has been given fifteen years imprisonment for allegedly addressing three envelopes that were used in connection with bomb threats. This paper has made its position absolutely clear on the matter of individual terrorism. It is opposed to it because it would not bring down the British ruling class, would not have the support of the masses, would be used by the ruling class to slander and isolate genuine revolutionary socialists, and because it is doomed to failure if for no other reason than it attempts to substitute a handful of individualistic "heroes" for the masses of the people who must be politicised as they alone have the power to make the revolution. The people, not tiny romantic cliques, make history. Individual terrorism has never brought about the overthrow of the exploiters anywhere, anytime. Those who advocate it fail to grasp the laws which determine the course of human history, in particular that the masses and the masses alone, armed with revolutionary politics and ultimately guns, are the midwives of revolutionary change.

NO EVIDENCE

If Jake Prescott really believes in this form of struggle then he is as wrong as anybody else who does. However, there has never been produced one shred of concrete evidence to say that Prescott was actually doing anything. Police lies are not facts, except of course in the courts of the bosses class. This paper has thus maintained that Prescott should be freed and that fifteen years is a monstrous thing to have done to this man who shouldn't be in prison at all.

OTHERS WITH QUITE DIFFERENT MOTIVES

Perhaps most advocates of this form of futile, impetuous struggle genuinely believe it damages the exploiters and somehow helps the exploited people. But there are others who are involved who have very different motives. These people, acting on instructions, understand how bomb explosions can be used as a means of attacking genuine and serious revolutionaries struggling for a socialist Britain and world. Precisely because individual terrorism can be used by capitalist newspapers, T.V. radio etc., it becomes advantageous, in certain conditions, say when a big political diversion is required, for the ruling class themselves, through the special agencies they have set up to do this sort of work, to actually commit acts of sabotage and to blame these onto those who they see as a political threat.

Too fantastic for words? It is easy to point to instances where it has happened, for example the way Hitler organized the firing of the Reichstag building as an excuse to launch an all-out attack against German communists and other social groups he despised. But, the reader might think, it couldn't happen here in Britain, in the 1970's. But it is happening here, reader. And there is every possibility that Jake Prescott is the latest victim of ruling-class organised sabotage.

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provide amazing services, considering that he was a site engineer. He offered to get INLSF documents typed and photocopied. He would sometimes go on "holiday", without ever being able to give the organisation a contact telephone number or an address. He would slide up to INSLF members and try to get a conversation going about the need for people to get training in the use of guns. He was very keen to get the job of compiling names and addresses of people and organisations the INLSF was in contact with. On one occasion he went with a member of the INLSF to the post office at Trafalgar Square to mail 157 letters. Consequently 157 stamps were purchased. During the

Facts and Figures: How the bosses' class robs you 40 Giants

The largest 1,000 industrial companies in the UK have total assets of £36,514 million and total sales of £63,217 million. However, the 'top 50' companies account for about half these figures with total assets of £17,781 million and total sales of £29,538 million. In the last five years the number of companies with assets of over £100m. has grown from 48 to 75. The table below contains the 40 largest companies. Of these 31 reported increased profits in their latest financial year including a 21 per cent rise for BP and a 19 per cent rise for Bass Charring-

Do you work for one

Company	Assets (£m.)	Profit (£m.)	No. of employees	Profit per employee (£)
19 Pand O Steam Navigation Co.	305	15.1	9,742(3)	—
20 Boverat Paper Corporation	291	24.7	32,600	757
21 Tube Investments	273	28.7	89,600(3)	—
22 Ford Motor Co.	264	27.0	65,000(3)	—
23 Hawker Siddeley Group	243	21.1	93,000	226
24 Great Universal Stores	236	52.7	51,879(3)	—
25 Associated Portland Cement	232	21.6	13,551(3)	—
26 Coats Patons	227	27.9	85,500	328
27 British Insulated Callender's Cables	224	31.7	37,000(3)	—
28 Philips	218	13.7	80,468(3)	—
29 Whitbread and Co.	210	19.7	26,337	753
30 Sears Holdings	207	32.9	80,500(3)	344
31 Charter Consolidated	206	20.1	8,574(3)	—
32 Watney Mann	206	19.6	23,538(3)	—
33 Consolidated Gold Fields	204	33.3	92,900	358
34 British Oxygen	200	23.9	39,400	607
35 Cadbury Schweppes	181	21.5	48,000	478
36 Marks and Spencer	174	53.3	34,372	1,567
37 Tete and Lyle	172	16.2	9,978(3)	—
38 Thorn Electrical Industries	169	34.8	71,467(3)	—
39 Plessey Co.	166	27.2	85,000	320
40 F. W. Woolworth and Co.	165	34.4	94,222(3)	365

Notes: (1) Net profit is the most recently reported profit before deducting tax and interest but after deducting depreciation. (2) Based on 40% of Royal Dutch/Shell Group. (3) UK employees only. (4) Shell-Mex and BP is given as the 13th largest in the Times 1,000 but its profits are included in Shell Transport and Trading. Thus it has been omitted from the above list.

The nationalised industries are also extremely large. In the table we list the largest 15. Of these 14 made a net profit (i.e. before payment of tax and interest) and the electricity industry and the Post office are both larger than the largest private firms in the UK.

MAJOR NATIONALISED INDUSTRIES

Name	Total Assets (£m.)	Net Profit (£m.)	No. of employees	Profit per employee (£)
1 Electricity Council and Electricity Boards in England and Wales	4,821	308.8	196,982	1,572
2 Post Office	2,521	146.8	407,868	360

Company	Assets (£m.)	Profit (£m.)	No. of employees	Profit per employee (£)
3 Gas Council and Area Boards	1,580	101.7	119,475	854
4 British Steel Corporation	1,131	82.6	250,000	210
5 National Coal Board	697	11.1	375,803	29
6 British Railways Board	439	51.7	273,063	189
7 South of Scotland Electricity Board	434	24.7	14,541	1,647
8 London Transport	343	3.8	80,152	63
9 North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board	273	14.9	3,322	3,821
10 United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority	266	9.8	29,832	327
11 BOAC	229	36.9	22,383	1,677
12 BEA	152	14.8	25,834	617
13 National Freight Corporation	127	6.4	65,500	98
14 British Transport Docks Board	126	3.8	11,075	327
16 National Bus Company	91	(4.7)*	84,015	loss

(Source: Times 1,000 1971-72)

Perhaps you work for one of these huge companies? If you don't then the chances are that some of your mates do. These concerns steal resources that should belong to the people. They exploit vast numbers of workers here in Britain and elsewhere. In the colonies of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean they mercilessly super-exploit millions. As can be seen from the accompanying tables the amounts stolen are astronomical.

IMPERIALISM

What picture emerges? These and other imperialists have wrapped up raw materials and other resources and the peoples of most of the world (exceptions being socialist China, Albania and countries waging national liberation struggles) in their profit-sucking tentacles. This system, which is called imperialism, is the cause of wars throughout the world, in Ireland, Vietnam, Palestine, and elsewhere.

Revolutionary struggle against imperialist aggression and exploitation is the main trend in the world today. When the peoples of the colonies rise up to free their lands, the imperialists hurl their armies against them to protect their loot. When one or a group of imperialist powers feel they are strong enough they launch wars against other imperialists who are weaker than they are in order to seize some of their territories. This happened in the two world wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45.

LARGEST UK COMPANIES

Company	Total Assets (£m.)	Net Profit (£m.)	No. of employees	Profit per employee (£)
1 Shell Transport (2)	2,044	247.2	—	—
2 British Petroleum	1,891	466.6	27,200(3)	—
3 ICI	1,696	188.5	184,000	961
4 British American Tobacco	798	187.7	120,000	1,397
5 Rio Tinto-Zinc	770	91.9	13,320(3)	—
6 Burmah Oil	715	47.5	30,000	1,583
7 General Electric Co.	584	81.8	206,000(3)	—
8 Unilever	571	74.1	100,953(3)	—
9 Imperial Tobacco	565	72.1	88,460	1,083
10 Courtaulds	554	62.4	180,000	371
11 British Leyland	537	26.8	199,524	128
12 Esso Petroleum	404	11.8	11,309(3)	—
13 Distillers Co.	359	65.9	17,900(3)	—
14 Bass Charrington	336	38.7	56,847	690
15 Reed International	333	34.3	84,000	420
16 Allied Breweries	328	41.8	45,934(3)	—
17 Guest Keen and Nettlefolds	322	48.2	88,843	487
18 Dunlop Holdings	317	38.4	107,000	358

RULING CLASS IN CRISIS STATE

The British ruling class is in a very deep economic and political crisis. People are getting very fed-up with capitalist exploitation, bad housing, unemployment, ever-inflating prices, attacks on the democratic and trade union rights of the people. People are starting to fight back. True, the class struggle is at a very low key in terms of revolutionary politics at this stage, but the ruling class intends to do everything in its power to see that it stays at a low key, and this includes doing everything it can to confuse people as to what socialist revolution is all about. In particular, the ruling class of financiers, commerce bosses, industrialists, land-owners etc., are keen to spread the lie via their mass media that a revolutionary is a mad, degenerate, anti-social bomber, who deserves to be kept in prison or hung.

COINCIDENCE?

Look at some recent events. What happened within hours of the big anti-Industrial Relations Bill demonstration held on December 8th, 1970 in most major British cities? Robert Carr's home was bombed (Prescott and Ian Purdie were charged with this and found not guilty after weeks of police lies at the Old Bailey) and the millionaire press, T.V. and radio immediately went into action, in the absence of any facts, blaming it onto revolutionary socialists. The people were subjected to front page pictures under banner headlines for days which showed Carr and his family consoling each other, though none of them had ever been scratched. The message being peddled was all sympathy for Carr (and of course his Industrial Relations Act)

and hate for those who oppose it. In short, a big diversion away from what the Industrial Relations Act is and a slanderous attack against the working class which is fighting it.

Next, thousands of workers occupied the Upper Clyde shipyards in protest against the threat of massive sackings. What happened within hours of this? Davies's home was the scene of an explosion. Another massive propaganda attack against the working class, innuendoes that it was something to do with the Upper Clyde ship-workers, another diversion away from the very acute problems of these workers in a declining capitalist industry.

On October 31st, 1971 several thousand people marched through London demanding the withdrawal of British troops from north-east occupied Ireland and the ending of internment. The struggle in Ireland is a major component of the crisis of British imperialism. Perhaps no other issue has tested the ability of the liars and distorters in charge of ruling class propaganda as much as the need to confuse the British people that their master class is right in its rape of the people of another country. Moreover, the fact that Ireland, unlike any other colonial struggle, is within a stone's throw of this country, coupled with the political potential that comes with one and a half Irish immigrants having been forced to leave their families and friends to come to Britain to seek work, makes the Irish struggle a very hot potato indeed for the crisis-

ridden imperialist class. Hence, diversions, any diversion, whether it is trying to kid people that the root of the problem is religious (when it is obviously a class question in essence), or support a national liberation struggle and the building of a socialist Ireland for them all becomes the order of the day. What happened within hours of the October 31st demonstration against the troops and internment? There was an explosion at the Post Office Tower in central London, and lo and behold, once again, without any facts, although it is understood arrests have been made, which in itself means nothing, another huge propaganda diversion was hurled into being on the front pages of every reactionary newspaper, and the latest anti-Irish smear campaign had commenced.

Well, maybe all this is really just coincidence, mere chance, not linked by any plot of the ruling class at all, just circumstantial. Maybe there are some misguided people at work involving themselves in individual terrorism. This paper certainly doesn't know the answer to that possibility.

DEFINITE EVIDENCE

But maybe it's not an accident. Maybe the ruling class have entered a new phase that accords with its insoluble contradictions. Maybe the Special Air Service, the unit of the armed forces trained in sabotage and terrorism (and the ruling class does not deny that the SAS is a sabotage organization) is not only working away at the moment in Ireland (the authorities

have admitted that the SAS is working there) and Dhoofar (two members of the SAS were killed by patriots in this oil state in recent weeks which is currently the scene of a tremendous anti-imperialist struggle). Maybe the SAS or something like it such as a wing of Special Branch, is at this very moment involved in sabotage here in Britain? Maybe the ruling class is planning to use such diversions as an excuse to round up genuine communists, socialists and others who are struggling to put an end to the present profiteering system?

This paper believes that this is happening. It has produced definite evidence. It is now reproducing this evidence here, partially in order to show just how criminal it was to give a man fifteen years for having done nothing more than allegedly address three envelopes, when previously definite evidence was published but ignored in connection with another person, and partially because of the pattern of developments mentioned above.

SCOTLAND YARD CHALLENGED

The following article appeared in Volume 2, Number 2 of the Irish Liberation Press last year. It speaks for itself. It only needs to be added here that the evening that issue of the Irish Liberation Press went on sale a worker on the paper telephoned all national papers, the Press Association, and New Scotland Yard, informing all that a photograph of a person, together with his telephone number and other details, would be

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Liberation Press". However, the prints rarely ever got back to this paper and it can safely be assumed that they were destined for the files of a very different organisation. The camera, which had been borrowed by the INLSF prior to the point at which Jackson was to be charged, was retained after his disappearance. It has since been stolen from the INLSF office, the organisation-believes, by the police.

Jackson had stated clearly that there was no telephone where he lived. He had to do this, of course, because if he admitted the existence of the phone it would have been much too easy a matter for the organisation to be able to follow his movements closely. In fact he used to display mock anger at the G.P.O. for taking too long to install a phone, a phone which in fact already existed, Jackson made a slip-up. He told a member of the "Stop the 70's Tour" to ring him at home over some matter. The person rang Jackson at his home number and when he couldn't get through, because Jackson was not there at the time, the person rang the INLSF office to try to contact him. INLSF comrades in the office at the time obtained Jackson's number and rang it later in the day. Jackson picked up and answered the phone. Jackson had a phone all right—458

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But there was one most serious piece of work Jackson tried to get the INLSF to undertake. In the autumn of 1969 he tried to get the INLSF to carry out an act of terrorism. For weeks Jackson had been saying that the organisation must do something more than organise rallies, demonstrations and political education classes. Jackson proposed that a bombing be organised. It was explained to him that the job of the INLSF was to educate and mobilize the masses for a revolutionary struggle, and that this was quite different from engaging in acts of individual terrorism. Political power, it was explained, grows out of the barrel of a gun, but it is the masses led by the working class who must grasp this truth in theory and apply it in practice. Jackson (or rather his masters) chose to make his proposal at precisely the time that the INLSF general secretary was on £1,500 bail awaiting trial at the Old Bailey on charges stemming from an anti-fascist demonstration which had taken place earlier in the year at South Africa House.

When Jackson realised that his game was up and that he was to be charged in front of the INLSF, he disappeared.

There are several people in the INLSF who will give evidence as to the validity of this statement. Moreover details of his activities and his photograph have been published in the "Irish Liberation Press" twice in the past year. The Special Branch are, of course, regular readers of this paper. It is due to their "support" that its street sellers are so frequently harassed by uniformed pigs. Not only have the police refused point blank to investigate or arrest Jackson and charge him; they do not even dare to acknowledge that "Jackson" exists. Terrorist bombers who are policemen do not get arrested. They get promoted.

acts About BOMBINGS

stamping Jackson made an excuse to move down the counter, out of sight. At the end of the stamping four stamps were still left. Jackson often asked about contacts within Ireland. Four of the 157 letters of the mailing were to people in Ireland. He had stolen four letters whilst out of sight, forgetting that this would leave four stamps over at the end.

One afternoon Jackson was caught going through the diary of the general secretary of the INLSF. The diary had been left as bait for Jackson. Jackson possessed an expensive camera which he used to photograph people on demonstrations. He said the prints would be good for the "Irish

of these companies?

Currently the two main imperialist super-powers are America and Soviet social-imperialism (socialist in words, imperialist in deeds), which are vying and colluding simultaneously in an attempt to divide up the whole world into their respective spheres of influence.

IN BRITAIN

Here in Britain the exploitation of the working class is intensifying daily. Fascism is developing in Britain. Fascism is the capitalist/imperialist system in crisis, a crisis brought on by anti-colonial struggles which are reducing the area of the world that the imperialists are free to plunder at will, forcing them in turn to shift their difficulties more and more onto the backs of workers within the imperialist heartlands, such as Britain.

Wage freeze, productivity deals, legislation such as the Industrial Relations Act aimed at depriving workers of their hard-won democratic and trade union rights, the racist Immigration Act aimed at dividing and ruling workers by inciting them against each other while simultaneously diverting their attention from the bosses class which is the real common enemy of all workers of whatever colour, the incitement of religious bigotry in Ireland aimed at causing divisions there... all these tricks are now being tried in order to increase the exploitation of workers in this country.

"WHAT CAN WE DO?"

"What can we do?" say more and more people. Different answers are given to this important question. Some organizations that claim to be socialist, such as the Communist Party of Great Britain (what's "great" about it they have never explained) and the Socialist Labour League (the former called revisionist because in reality it has opportunistically revised away the fundamental principles of revolution upon which communism is based, the latter a Trotskyite organisation) say that what is required is to get the Tories out and the Labour Party back in power.

Clearly this is seen to be nothing but a dishonest diversion which suits the ruling class because it sows confusion. The fact is that the Labour Party objectively represents capital not labour as it clearly displayed when last in power. Every anti-working class policy now being introduced by the Tory Government has its predecessor in policies pursued by the last Labour government, for example there is no real difference between Barbara Castle's "In place of Strife" and Carr's

"FORCING THE LABOUR PARTY TO BE SOCIALIST"

But, say the revisionist CPGB and the Trotskyite SLL, once back in power a Labour Government would be forced to adopt socialist (i.e. working-class) policies. Once again this is sheer nonsense. The class nature of the Labour Party, which is capitalist not working-class, cannot be changed. It cannot be capitalist one day and socialist another. It can be representative only of one class or another. If there were any truth in the dream that the class nature of the Labour Party could be changed then it would have been changed by the CPGB and the SLL during its last years in power. It wasn't changed by these gentlemen precisely because to do so is impossible.



The Exploitation of Labour

NATIONALISATION AND "WORKERS' CONTROL"

Another "answer" is to nationalize industry and this is often coupled with the demand for "workers' control." Upon examination these answers also turn out to be phoney.

A study of the table of the major nationalized industries shows that in terms of profit per employee the three nationalized industries South of Scotland Electricity Board, BOAC and BEA all make more out of their employees than any

Britain. It should be pointed out here that the contrast between "companies" and "industries" is fair enough when it is considered that many of the privately owned companies virtually monopolise the industries they are in. So, from the tables shown it can be seen that the nationalisation of a company or industry does not mean an end to the exploitation of the workers in it or a strengthening of socialism. The essential point here is that the nationalisation theory leaves the capitalist class intact in power.

Moreover, in crisis times the ruling class will want to nationalise strategic industries so that it can directly control their rates of production and their pricing policies etc., in accordance with the needs not of the people but of the capitalist owners of the means of production, control and exchange. In times of crisis the bosses will nationalise as part of the building of a fascist corporate state. The profitable sections of the industries already nationalised will generally be handed over to private companies, leaving unprofitable sections still nationalised. These are kept going by workers' taxes and increases in the prices of commodities produced (such as coal) or services (such as railways), which once again have to be paid for out of workers' pockets. So from which ever way nationalisation is looked at, in a capitalist society it does not amount to changing anything for the working class.

As for "workers' control," a slogan championed by other Trotskyite organisations, such as International Socialism, suffice it to add that in a society that is divided mainly into two great classes, workers and bosses, only one class can have "control" at any one point in time. Workers cannot be in control until such time as the bosses' class have had their controlling power taken from them. And the tables shown here help establish for all to see that nationalisation under real workers' control simply cannot take place whilst the bosses remain in political control of the country. The "workers' control" notion is seen upon examination to be riddled with contradictions that the Trotskyites are understandably unable to explain away, no matter how they try in "Workers Press," "Socialist Worker," "Red Mole," etc.

THE ONLY REAL ANSWER

Real solutions must of course be based upon concrete facts. The most important of these facts is that the ruling class, which has the state machine of its army, police, courts, prisons,

up its profits' paradise voluntarily. Working-class rule can only be established through a revolution which will be violent precisely because the capitalist class will not give up peacefully. A look at what is at stake for them can be gained from the profits indicated in the tables shown. This being the case any talk of peaceful transition to socialism in Britain is either ignorant twaddle or a conscious attempt to divert the people along political channels harmless to the bosses. Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun and the British working-class will have to grasp this fundamental political truth.

The only scientific answer to the question "What can we do?" is that the class must come to see that the political power it must capture to defeat the capitalist/imperialist system operating in Britain, which has the companies listed in these tables as its backbone, is a power that is not going to be handed to it on a plate or in a ballot-box but something that has to be taken through struggle. Only through revolutionary struggle, as opposed to a fight for reform of the present system, can the expropriators be expropriated. The way forward for all socialists, all workers and progressive people in Britain is to organise the fight for the complete overthrow of the British ruling class and the establishment of working-class political power—that is the dictatorship of the proletariat. This means the dictatorship of the working class over the overthrown imperialist class. It means the replacing of bourgeois democracy, which in reality is the dictatorship of a small percentage of capitalist owners of the means of production, control and exchange over the masses of the people, by proletarian democracy, i.e. the democratic dictatorship of the people, under working-class leadership, represented by a genuine revolutionary party which has yet to be created in Britain, over the overthrown bosses class.

This is the only path that will lead to the kicking out of power of the big monopolists, the ending for all time of the state power of the ruling capitalist class. This is the only message the bosses are really frightened by, because it is the message of socialist revolution, which alone will signal their dispatch into British history. It is the adoption in theory and practice of this truth by the peoples of many lands that has ushered in the present new era in which imperialism is heading for total defeat and Socialism is advancing to world-wide victory.

"They will never lie down"

These pictures more than a thousand words bring home the fight raging in the occupied north-east part of Ireland.

During 1971 the people have put up a fantastic display of working class heroism in the face of an enemy which grows all the more demoralised and frustrated in the knowledge that despite his technical superiority he stands not a snowball's chance in hell of defeating the people of Ireland.

All the vile weapons that British imperialism could muster have been employed against Irish people on their own soil. All of them, automatic weapons, armoured cars, truncheons, C.S. gas, rubber bullets, high power water cannons, tear gas, middle of the night army terror raids, internment without trial in concentration camps which in essence differ little from those of fascist Germany under Hitler, the wanton destruction of the meagre property of working class families, the systematic sowing of religious bigotry to divide the northern section of the Irish working class, the attempts by Lynch to stab the struggle in the back, torture administered by the fascist R.U.C. and the British imperialist army, sabotage organised by the Special Air Services . . . all have failed to force the Irish people to lie down and surrender.

They will never lie down. Daily they become stronger, more determined, steeled in struggle which will inevitably result in the expulsion of the aggressors, the overthrow of the Stormont and Dublin lackeys, the national liberation of Ireland, the re-unification of their liberated country and the establishment of a united, independent, socialist people's republic of Ireland. While the people grow stronger all the time, the enemy, British imperialism, gets weaker with every passing day.

"A weak nation can defeat a strong, a small country can defeat a big. The people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country" as Mao says, "if only they dare to rise in struggle, take up arms and grasp in their own hands the destiny of their country. This is a law of history."

The heroic people of Ireland will not be held in colonial bondage for very much longer. There is no force in existence powerful enough to deny the people of Ireland their inherent right to the lib-

eration of their country from imperialist domination and exploitation.

The Irish people have no intention of replacing one exploiting master with another. In the coming phases of the struggle the working class must be vigilant at all times. Political vigilance must be maintained throughout. Not all who employ the language of socialism are in fact socialists. A free, socialist Ireland can only come about through armed struggle led by the working class, the men, women and children of no property. But all who pick up the gun may not do so for the same reasons, may not do so in order to establish the democratic dictatorship of the Irish people over domestic Irish reactionaries when British imperialism is finally defeated.

James Connolly, Ireland's greatest socialist patriot, theoretician and military commander, had this to say about the need for the working class to constantly analyse itself and those who say they are its friends: "Always and ever the working class movement seeks after clearness of thought, as a means to the accomplishment of working class aims. The middle class may and does deceive itself with finely turned phrases, and vague generalising of still vaguer aspirations, but the working class can think and speak only in language hard and definite, as hard and definite as the conditions of working class life. We have no room in our struggle for illusions—least of all illusions about freedom." (Workers' Republic, July 7th 1915).

1971 has seen the courage of the Irish working class become a watchword for anti-imperialist heroism across the world. Every single worker in Britain must give wholehearted support to his counterpart in Ireland who struggles against the common enemy of both of them—the British imperialist ruling class. The struggle will grow more acute in the coming year. The people will certainly solve all the many complex problems that will present themselves. The enemy can never solve its problems because mankind has entered a great new era in which imperialism is heading for total collapse and socialism is advancing to worldwide victory.

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BRITISH IMPERIALISM AND ITS AGGRESSOR TROOPS GET OUT OF IRELAND NOW!**



The "protectors of the people" in action.



They will never, never, never lie down

The "Irish Democrat" and with it the Connolly Association are false friends of the Irish people. Like its master, the revisionist "Communist Party of Great Britain" they are opposed to the immediate withdrawal of British aggressor troops from north-east occupied Ireland. They have a history of creating diversions.

For example, they have organised a "Bill of Rights" petition to arch-war criminal Heath and in doing so in reality showed utter contempt for those struggling in Ireland in that they were prepared to place their future, safety, and inherent right to independence and unity in the hands of this scab. Then they demanded the re-call of parliament to debate internment when everybody knows that all political parties in the Westminster sewage heap fully support internment, so what was there to be gained but more confusion? They desperately try to contain the struggle to the level of "civil rights" when the national liberation of Ireland from British imperialism is the real issue. They oppose the mounting of a war of national liberation, sell the lie that British imperialism will leave Ireland peacefully and try to channel the people in Britain who support the Irish people along the road of harmless parliamentary activities. They use the language of patriotism, socialism and liberation to oppose all of these things. The time has surely come when workers in Britain must stop giving support to the "Irish Democrat" and the Connolly Association. Tell these false friends where to get off, and now. Those genuine people still associated with the "Irish Democrat" and the Connolly Association should join a serious organization and sell a serious paper.

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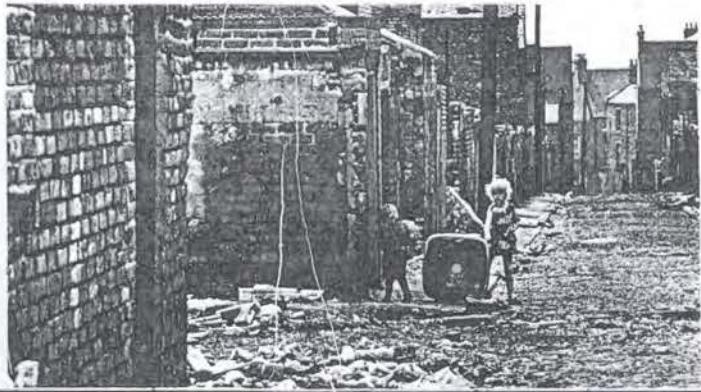
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When an elderly person dies because of the cold or malnutrition it is an act of violence against the people by the ruling capitalist class. When workers and their families are forced to live in slums it is an act of violence against the working-class by the ruling capitalist class. So is unemployment, ever-rising prices and fascist acts of Parliament, such as the Industrial Relations Act.

There is only one answer, one real solution to the many problems of the people of Britain, and that is for us to rise against our oppressors, to organise for their complete overthrow, in a word, to expropriate the expropriators. But the bosses class will not move over, will not give up its profits empire without a struggle, without violence. That being the case, the people must prepare now, must fully grasp that only through a socialist revolution will their dreams of a decent life be turned into a reality.

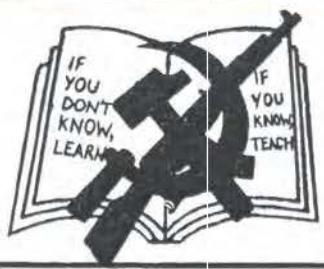
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made available that evening and that the person had attempted to involve others in the organization of a bombing. Several reporters turned up at the press conference which was held at the Marquis of Clanricarde public house in Paddington. Scotland Yard sent nobody (at least officially) despite the enormous implications of the exposure. Perhaps, reader, you will conclude that the absence of Scotland Yard detectives is explained by the fact that the man accused is said by this paper to be a policeman.

"EXPRESS" COVER-UP
Not a single line appeared in any newspaper anywhere, despite the fact that for the first time there was a photograph, phone number etc, and witnesses who would testify in court. If the reader wishes to take the silence of the capitalist press further he might telephone a Daily Express reporter named Alan Cass, who covered the conference for his paper. Maybe Cass should be asked why the story was not run, why the editor of the Express suppressed it, why a person who tried to organise others to commit bombings was given cover by the Express and other British and Irish newspapers. And all this at a time when the front pages of precisely these same papers were overloaded with slanderous attacks, unsubstantiated by any facts, against the working class who they criminally linked with explosions which had taken (or we are told had taken) place.

FIND "JACKSON"
It is happening, reader. And it must be thoroughly exposed and that is the job of this paper and the new "Voice of the People". There will no doubt be more frame-ups in the future as the class struggle develops pace and the ruling class gets even more anxious as its overthrow looms larger. Jack Prescott is now serving the first few months of fifteen years. Every time his name crops up in a discussion, think of "Jackson". Memorise his face. Pass the photograph around. He is hiding (or being hidden) somewhere. He is the only concrete evidence in existence at this time that can present the ruling class and its sabotage business with a noose. He must be found. In this way the masses will come to see a little more of the nature of the British imperialist ruling class and they will be armed a little bit better by this political knowledge for the coming final clash with their mortal, inherent class enemy.

Appeal

APPEAL FOR HELP
This is the only paper of its kind produced in Britain. It speaks out against internments, against the presence of British aggressor troops on Irish soil. It is a true friend of the people of Ireland and a true enemy of British imperialism. Also the 'Press' speaks out on behalf of the British working class. Help the 'Press' fight growing fascist repression of the peoples of Ireland and Britain. Send whatever you can, no matter how small it is, to the editorial address. Things are going to get very acute in Ireland during the coming months and years. Make sure that this paper can carry on doing its job then as in the past. British imperialism would love to see it fail for the want of worker's generosity.





AN OPEN LETTER

'A slave yourself, you assist in the enslavement of others'

Danny Morrell is the author of this open letter. He is a worker and in his spare time he mixes with the people in the Irish and Black communities selling the "Irish Liberation Press" and talks to them about their problems.

To those Black soldiers who have joined the British Army and are now being used as instruments for the suppression of the heroic Irish people in their just struggle to determine their own destiny free from foreign interference, I would like to ask you a few questions.

Why have you joined the British army? Why are you in Ireland at the behest of British imperialism helping to gas, murder and torture these patriotic people? Why have you allowed yourselves to be used as tools for carrying out the dirty work of British imperialism?

You cannot be a party to the oppression of the Irish people without also going against the interest of Black working people here in Britain, because just as we have been forced to pull up our roots and leave a country that we love so well and are forced to come here to seek a living, so it is with the people of Ireland who have for centuries been forced to emigrate from their beloved country because of imperialist plunder and aggression, the like of which you are now participating in.

Imperialism has bled our country dry, the very same way they have done to Ireland. Just as the profiteers have and still try to whip up racism so they can divide and rule workers here in Britain, so in Ireland they try the same old business, only there where you are they use religion to divide the people and try to spread the lie that it is a religious struggle when clearly it is a question of one class—the exploited working class—doing battle against another class—the exploiting bosses.

The Irish people have the same class interest as us Black workers and thus when you attack them you also attack all of us Black brothers and sisters fighting oppression here.

Why is it that you, a slave who still hasn't gained his freedom, is fighting the dirty war of your master, who is your real enemy, against the brave Irish people, who are your real friends? A slave yourself you assist in the enslavement of others. Have you lost your sense of reasoning? Has your mind become so warped that you fail to see reality?

I say to you, let's take a look at the Black experience in this country. You know that we as people face open and hidden racism, exploitation and oppression, and police brutality daily. Do you know that

many Blacks are arrested on pretext by the racist police and in lots of instances brutally beaten, locked up, refused bail, and are then brought before the reactionary courts where the same police lie their heads off and the judge accepts whatever they say and convicts us when we have done nothing wrong. Everywhere there are Black people this goes on. In the field of employment do you know that generally the lowest paid and the most menial jobs are reserved for Blacks? Do you know about the struggle of Black people in America, about the murder of brother George Jackson, who was serving life for allegedly helping steal seventy-three dollars from a petrol station, when he was murdered in cold blood by racist guards in accordance with a plan worked out by the U.S. fascist ruling class who feared the rapid revolutionary politicization of Black prisoners. Why don't you buy a copy of "Soledad Brothers", you might learn a lot from its pages.

Look at that beautiful sister, Angela Davis, who has committed no offence but has been framed by the same fascist gangsters headed by Nixon that control America. Have you heard about the many Black brothers who were massacred at Attica Jail in New York State? Do you know about the millions and millions of Black people struggling against fascist oppression in Rhodesia and South Africa, and in Mozambique and Angola?

Their vicious oppression was and in part still is engineered directly by the very same British imperialism that you now loyally serve in Ireland.

Is this enough to acquaint you with some of the problems of Black people? Don't you see... are you blind... that all your energies are being directed in the wrong direction. So useful are you to your masters that the papers of the rich bosses in Britain (and no doubt elsewhere in the world) have been carrying lots of pictures showing that you may be even more eager than your white mates to attack the Irish people. You are being used not only to try to keep down the legitimate struggle of the Irish people for independence and socialism, but also to assist racist divide and rule in this country where your pictured exploits are splashed across the pages of every reactionary rag to cause contradictions between Black and Irish immigrants, in order to set us at each others throat while the bosses class laughs its plump head off at our expense.

I hope this open letter from a Black British worker will help open your eyes so you can begin to see the light. One thing is for sure, if any Black man thinks he can join the British imperialist army and become a mercenary—for that is what you are because you are selling yourself to the slaveowners—and at the end of the day expect to return to the people as a hero he is sadly mistaken because they will denounce him and hound him out of the community as a fascist murderer and enemy of the people. The choice is yours.

INLSF statement on Sinn Fein and the IRA

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION SOLIDARITY FRONT CONCERNING THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY AND SINN FEIN.

1. The Irish Republican Army and Sinn Fein, both Official and Provisional sections, are part of the struggle against the forces of British imperialism. In regard to this struggle the INLSF will side with the IRA and Sinn Fein.
2. No thorough scientific class analysis of these organizations has been made. However, the role of these organizations and the publicity they are given renders it necessary, even in the absence of a complete analysis of their politics, to say what can be said at this time.
3. What can be deduced from the various publications produced by these organizations is that at leadership level two positions seem to emerge: the leadership of the Officials appear to pursue what can be described as a revisionist line (i.e. they appear to be Marxist, but have revised away the revolutionary essence of Marxism) whilst the leadership of the Provisionals appear to follow a Catholic national socialist line.
4. Within both organizations there appears to exist at rank and file level considerable political

confusion, and generally a low level of political consciousness which we believe can be (and is being) exploited by the respective leaderships.

5. The honesty, sincerity and courage of the majority in both organizations cannot be questioned. Many genuinely seek the Socialist path. Unfortunately, at this stage of the anti-imperialist struggle there does not yet seem to exist in Ireland a revolutionary socialist leadership or any organization capable of scientifically working out the way forward, giving leadership to the masses, or mobilizing them around a programme that will lead to national liberation, the re-unification of a liberated Ireland, and the setting up of an independent socialist people's republic. We understand that the coming into being of such an organization of the people is inevitable, a matter of time, and that many of those who are now in the IRA and Sinn Fein will become part of such an organization.
6. Because of the lines dominating both organizations it is impossible for them to give adequate leadership in the fight against British imperialism and domestic reactionaries, although at present they appear to have taken the initiative. Despite the existence of what is clearly a situation that is ripe for the mounting of a massive anti-imperialist campaign—notwithstanding the many difficulties and complex problems that have to

be solved—it appears that the people are not being armed either with revolutionary politics or guns by either of these organizations.

7. Features that appear to characterize the struggle are spontaneity, individualistic acts involving the use of certain types of equipment, that might be described as the small group purely military line, at one end, and at the other an attempt to contain the fight within the reformist confines of "civil rights", rather than, as is the real issue, publicly stating that the target is national liberation and that the only weapon that will defeat British imperialism is People's War, led by a genuine revolutionary Party of the Irish people, having a leadership composed of tried and tested people, integrated with the masses and their problems, based firmly upon and giving leadership to a National United Front of all sections of Irish society, which want an end to British imperialist rule of their country.
8. Due to their respective politics these two appear incapable of overcoming the conscious plan of British imperialism to employ religious bigotry to divide and rule the people in north-east occupied Ireland. This problem will indeed take a long time to eradicate and it is not this hot causes concern, but that there appears to be—and indeed cannot be taking into account the

politics that dominate both organizations—no programmes of mass work, political education or propaganda in existence capable of giving a lead on this vital question.

9. The people of Ireland are looking for political leadership. It is not being supplied by either section of Sinn Fein or the IRA. In some respects certain actions that have been carried out appear to be anti-social in essence.
10. To sum up, the executive committee of the INLSF will give qualified support to the two groups within Sinn Fein and the IRA when they are involved in struggle with the forces of British imperialism and when they are in any way subjected to repression, such as is the case now with torture, imprisonment and other brutal actions. However, the INLSF recognises the weaknesses inherent in the political positions of the leadership of both organizations and will not opportunistically try to pretend that these weaknesses are not there. The INLSF has of course absolute faith in the Irish people and the justness of their cause and understands that through struggle they will solve their difficulties, throw up genuine revolutionary working class leadership and will liberate their land from the aggressor. In the coming struggle the INLSF will give them the same principled support as in the past.

KIDNAPPER MAUDLING REFUSES TO FREE PAULINE JONES

Pauline Jones, the young woman sentenced to 21 months imprisonment for "kidnapping" a baby when she was in a disturbed state of mind after losing her own child, is to stay in prison, orders Maudling.

It is help that Pauline needs, not imprisonment. She has tried to injure herself twice and in a letter to her father she said she intends to take her own life.

The real kidnapper is Maudling. He has kidnapped over 400 Irish patriots and imprisoned them in concentration camps.

POWELL SPEWS MORE RACISM

Powell, leading racist spokesman for the British ruling class, has come up with another racist "theory"—that "Asians are a greater threat than Black Power". What this pig is trying to do now is create further racial divisions amongst the workers here in Britain. He never mentions the reasons why people are forced to leave their homes and come to this country; that it is British imperialism that having stolen their lands from them leaves them no alternative but to seek work in a foreign country.

It is all the workers of this country, black, white and brown, that will deal with sewage heaps like Powell.

STOCK MARKET GANGSTERS CONFIDENT AFTER RULING-CLASS DEAL ON RHODESIA

So confident are the big businessmen and stock market gangsters that the British ruling class will be "successful" in its Rhodesia sell-out that many of them have already invested huge amounts of money in industries there to extract super-profits out of the people and natural wealth of the country.

The people of Rhodesia are sooner or later going to deal with all their exploiters, just as the peoples of many other countries are doing.

MENTAL PATIENTS BULLIED BY HOSPITAL STAFF

Patients at Whittingham Mental Hospital, near Preston, were grossly abused by hospital staff, admits a government report. Elderly people were classified as "dozies" and in one ward kept on a bread-and-jam diet and locked under stairs if they caused "trouble". "Troublesome" male patients were dealt with by having a wet towel twisted round their necks till they fell unconscious. Patients' money was pilfered. One nurse said "Everyone is in the racket. You don't need me to tell you who the people are. All you need do is take a look around and see which of the staff change their cars every year, go abroad for holidays and have built bunglows."

ROYAL LAYABOUTS GET MILLIONS MORE

The royal bag (Queen) is now getting £1m. per year (approx. £20,000 per week) and five other members of the royal mafia are getting a total of £255,000 per year. This bunch of ponces get more in one week than most workers in a lifetime.

POLICE GET RIDICULOUSLY SHORT SENTENCES

The two policemen were finally brought to court recently after years of public pressure. Inspector Elerker was reluctantly given three years and Sergeant Kitching 27 months. Both men had made Mr. Oluwale's life a misery for two years through constant hounding. He was assaulted and insulted by them on numerous occasions. During one chase he "fell" into a river in what was made to look an accident. But public opinion was sceptical about the official explanation and finally forced the police to prosecute the two officers.

SQUABBLE ERUPTS BETWEEN RULING CLASS PROPAGANDISTS

The row raging between various factions of the ruling class over censorship of TV news from northern Ireland is pure hypocrisy. One side clamours "censor northern Ireland news" while the other prattles about "freedom of the news media". In reality the dispute is just a gentleman's argument over how best to serve imperialism.

BBC boss Lord Hill admitted recently "The BBC and its staff abhor the terrorism of the IRA... As between the British Army and the gunmen the BBC is not and cannot be impartial."

PRICES RISE SHARPLY READY FOR ENTRY INTO EEC

The ruling class is raising the prices of many daily necessities by stealth ready for Britain's entry into the Common Market. The price of butter, for example, has nearly doubled since decimialisation last February. The ruling class knows that if prices were put up in one dramatic increase the people wouldn't stand for it. Hence the scheme to snuggle in price rises in dribs and drabs.

CHILD DIES AFTER HOSPITAL REFUSES HELP

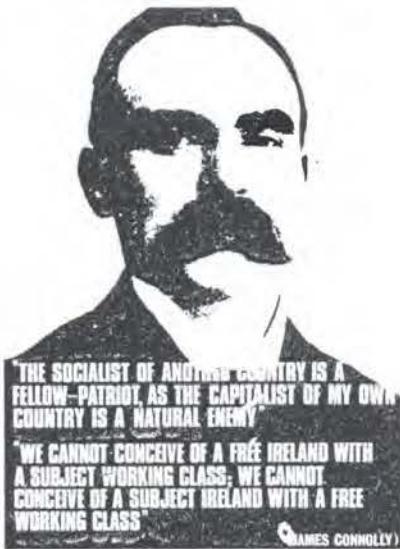
Mr. Dadaral, an immigrant worker, took his very ill son to the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton on Christmas day, where he was issued with a prescription. Unable to find a chemist shop open on the Sunday, Mr. Dadaral, in desperation took his son in a taxi back to the hospital, but the receptionists refused to allow him to be seen by a doctor. The young boy died the following day.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR SUSPECTS ADVOCATED BY DURHAM INSPECTOR

A Durham police inspector has come out openly in favour of holding suspects in solitary confinement in special padded cells. The purpose of such treatment is admitted to be to make the victim feel isolated and deprive him of normal sensory experience. Inspector J. Robinson is extremely proud of his method of dealing with prisoners. He boasted in an issue of the Police

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THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY PLACES ITS RELIANCE UPON THE ONLY CLASS THAT NEVER BETRAYED IRELAND—THE IRISH WORKING CLASS (TAKEN FROM IRISH CITIZEN ARMY RECRUITING POSTER)



ROOT OUT SUBJECTIVISM "SEEK TRUTH FROM FACTS"

Subjectivism is a serious problem in the divided Marxist-Leninist movement in Britain, especially slander and innuendo. Chairman Mao teaches us to "seek truth from facts".

"Facts are all the things that exist objectively, 'truth' means their internal relations, that is, the laws governing them, and 'to seek' means to study. We should proceed from the actual conditions... and derive from them (facts), laws which are inherent in them and not

imaginary, that is, we should find the internal relations of the events occurring around us. And we must rely not on subjective imagination... but on facts that exist objectively..."

We should bear in mind these words of Mao. Enough slanders emanate from the enemy without people in the Marxist-Leninist movement adding to the general chorus of subjectivism which only harms unity.

Let every group and individual be judged on the basis of "seek truth from facts".

let's avoid premature or blanket denunciations of people with whom we have differences. Let's look truthfully at both sides in our analyses of groups and activists, the good side and the bad.

Mao says "I believe we should do things honestly, for without an honest attitude it is impossible to accomplish anything in this world".

It may be difficult to apply these words, but we must conscientiously try. Not to do so would mean helping the enemy and harming the people.

Political Dictionary

SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM...
Is "socialism in words, imperialism in practice".

Social-imperialism in the world today is practised most blatantly by the Soviet Union, where a new-type privileged monopoly capitalist bureaucratic class has emerged to exploit the working people. Although they long ago threw socialist politics out of the window, they still call themselves "socialist". But genuine socialists have another name for them, and that name is SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS.

The Communist Workers League of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) has an English translation of a Peking "People's Daily" explanatory note on the question published just after the Soviet social-imperialists invaded Czechoslovakia. Copies may be obtained from the editorial address (see back page) for 3p postage, on request.

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The Communist Workers League of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) wishes to thank those people who have sent in written comments regarding the Political Statement circulated recently. Unfortunately some written comments have been mislaid and therefore the organization would ask people who have copies of what they said to kindly forward same.

The workers who produce this paper apologise to readers and subscribers for the delay in getting this issue out. This has been caused by factors beyond our control.

STOP PRESS

1,000 copies of 'Group' by...
"Smash Trotskyism" omitted for lack of space.

Federation journal that his technique was based on that used by the Nazis against British POWs.

In another self-admission Robinson confessed that he saw nothing cruel in the use of a high-pitched buzz in interrogations against political prisoners in northern Ireland.

1972 OFFENSIVE OPENS WITH MINERS' NATIONWIDE STRIKE

1972 got off to a good start with the strike by Britain's 280,000 miners for a decent wage. The strike is the first national mining stoppage since 1926. The men are determined to stay out until their demands are met.

POLICE GET MORE LOOT

The announcement of a 6 1/2 per cent pay increase for the police, so soon after their 22 per cent increase a few months ago, highlights the aim of the ruling class to build up and strengthen the forces of oppression.

WORKERS FIGHT POLICE AT HEATHROW AIRPORT

Workers at London Airport (Heathrow) went on strike over the airport authorities' decision to allow a Canadian Company to handle cargo,

so jeopardizing the jobs of existing airport workers. The management put forward various proposals. At a mass meeting 8,000 workers voted overwhelmingly to carry on the fight. A further 7,300 joined them. The management rushed to the High Court to seek injunctions against six shop stewards. Another mass meeting was held to take steps against scabs. Panic-stricken, the management called in the police, who set dogs on the strikers, brutally assaulted them and even arrested 40. The workers were undaunted by the fascist attack.

MORE WORKERS THROWN OUT OF WORK

250 Glasgow shipyard workers lost their jobs in December. Some of them who had worked in the yards for 50 years were thrown on the scrapheap without a pension. British Aluminium announced in November that 10 per cent of its workforce would be sacked by July. 1,100 Manchester engineering workers lost their jobs as a result of a cutback. The British Steel Corporation is to close the New Tube Works in Monmouthshire, throwing 1,120 employees on the dole. As long as capitalism continues there will always be unemployment. Only under socialism, where people matter not profits, can it be eliminated.

TWO MORE POLICEMEN JOIN "THE CLUB"

Another Leeds policeman has been suspended, the fifth in 12 months. P.C. Cyril Batty is accused of perjury following a "not guilty" verdict on a man he arrested for disorderly conduct. West Yorkshire Chief Constable Ronald Gregory (19,000 a year) is to face a tribunal after allegations that police cars have been used for private journeys.

Up and down the country, particularly at senior levels, the police force grows more corrupt daily, and it is on the evidence of such people that thousands of workers go to prison every year.

COVENTRY TOOLROOM STRIKE ENDS IN VICTORY

8,000 Coventry toolroom workers struck against the employers' decision to cancel the agreement which for 30 years has determined their rate of pay. The workers protested at such arbitrary behaviour by the bosses. The strike hit many motor firms. Chrysler lost 22,500 cars worth £22 million. Failing to intimidate the struggling workers, the bosses agreed to a settlement which satisfied the workers' demands.

World Struggles



"The socialist of another country is a fellow-patriot, as the capitalist of my own country is a natural enemy."
JAMES CONNOLLY



1971 was a good year for the people and a bad one for their exploiters. Imperialism sank deeper into crisis as the oppressed peoples and the working class intensified their struggle to overthrow the exploiters and win political power for themselves.

One of the year's greatest events was the restoration of China's rights in the United Nations. This signalled that the United States and the Soviet Union will find it more difficult in future to impose their imperialist will on others. The enthusiasm with which small and medium-sized countries welcomed China back to the world body shows that countries resisting imperialist aggression appreciate the role of China, which has said it has no intention of becoming a "super-power". In this connection it is interesting to note that even the reactionary Irish government was obliged to vote for China in the UN debate.

CHINA: NEW VICTORIES, NEW ADVANCE

In China itself the country's 700 million people devoted themselves to the task of building their socialist country with still greater vigour. The nation registered a 10 per cent increase in industrial output value compared with 1970. Steel output reached 21 million tons. Commune members up and down the country brought in the tenth good harvest running. China is now self-sufficient in grain.

These advances stem from China's achievements in the political field. The campaign to study works by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao went into top gear as the people strove to deepen their understanding of socialism and apply their knowledge in daily life. The practice of officials participating in manual labour alongside the workers and peasants continued. This practice is aimed at preventing a new privileged class emerging, as happened in the Soviet Union. All anti-working class ideas exposed during the Cultural Revolution continued to be criticized. Working-class leadership was strengthened everywhere.

NEW VICTORIES IN INDO-CHINA

On China's southern frontier the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian people kept up their fight against the US imperialist aggressors. Lao patriots killed, wounded or captured 300,000 enemy in the first ten months of the year. 3,500 enemy planes were destroyed and the strategic Plain of Jars was liberated.

Cambodia's patriotic fighters defeated a US thrust into the country in the early part of the year. 20,000 Saigon puppet troops invaded northeast Cambodia. 16,000 of them were wiped out.

In Vietnam 250,000 enemy troops were put out of action and 1,800 aircraft destroyed. The people there were well served by their "quarter-master". They seized 15,000 guns from the enemy.

All these victories prove the truth of Mao's statement that "the people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country, if only they dare rise in struggle, dare to take up arms and grasp in their own hands the destiny of their country. This is a law of history."

REVOLUTIONARY STORMS RAGE ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

More victories were chalked up by the people in Dhofar, a British colony in the Arabian Gulf. In seven years of fighting they have liberated 90 per cent of their country. A number of enemy towns were attacked during the year. Several British imperialist troops were sent home in coffins, including members of the S.A.S. (Special Air Services), trained in sabotage and terror. West of the Arabian Gulf, in Palestine, the Palestinian people kept up their struggle to free their homeland from Israeli-Zionist rule. And they stood firm against all imperialist attempts to make them give up the struggle.

MOZAMBIQUE: The war to throw out the Portuguese invaders continues. Patriots were especially active last year in Tete province. The

The world situation is good

enemy suffers much harassment along the road from Tete to Malawi, where many vehicles have been blown up. An important enemy railway in the area is also frequently sabotaged by the people. A British newspaper reported recently that a Portuguese terrorist had admitted to its reporter in Mozambique that the Portuguese are herding the local people into concentration camps GUINEA (Bissau): People's liberation forces were also active here. 102 Portuguese aggressors were killed in a single battle on December 20th when they attacked the Mores liberated area, 50 kilometres from the capital. The enemy commander committed suicide.

SOUTHWEST AFRICA (Namibia): The down-trodden people of this country rose in nationwide struggle against the South African colonialists in December. In an unprecedented strike movement 20,000 Namibian workers downed tools, paralysing the mining industry, transport, domestic industries such as dairies and bakeries, and farming. The strike was ostensibly against the "contract labour system" (slavery in disguise), but was largely a product of the people's pent up frustration over the occupation of their country.

GROWING ECONOMIC CRISIS IN WESTERN EUROPE SPURS ON THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE

The economic crisis of the West European capitalist countries deepened. In Italy the capitalists in October had 52 per cent fewer orders on their books than in the same month of 1970. The country's industrial production was below the 1969 level. A million people are currently unemployed with the big Fiat and Pirelli companies on short time. Prices in 1970 rose seven per cent over 1970. All this kindled the resistance of the people. There were many large-scale strikes throughout the year, sometimes involving millions of workers at one time.

In West Germany production stagnated, prices went up and so did the number of unemployed. 170,000 were jobless in October, that's a jump of 53.5 per cent over the October 1970 figure. The West German workers experienced a new awakening of class consciousness, the most noticeable example being the strike of 120,000 metal workers. The workers came out in late November, demanding higher wages. The strike ended victoriously on December 15th when the capitalists bowed to their demand by agreeing to pay a 7.5 per cent increase. Although such strikes were mainly economic, in essence they signalled a new level of militancy.

In France and in Scandinavia also, the class struggle grew more acute with strikes involving hundreds of thousands of workers.

STRUGGLE INTENSIFIES IN LATIN AMERICA, US ECONOMIC CRISIS DEEPENS

Main development in the Americas was the decline of US imperialist control over its 'allies',

a trend shown clearly by the big storm that raged throughout the year over Latin American countries' fishing rights. US (and Soviet) fleets have ignored the reasonable 200 nautical mile limits decided on by the Latin American countries and plundered these nations' sea resources as near as twelve miles from their land. The local countries with their small vessels and inferior equipment don't stand a chance against imperialist competition. Four of the main states involved held a conference in January to denounce the US and Soviet maritime colonialism. Such exploitation was also denounced at the Latin American Foreign Ministers' Conference in November. Ecuador was especially active in the struggle. She captured 51 US fishing boats from January to October and fined or otherwise punished the lot of them.

In other developments the new government in Chile nationalised five US copper mines and took similar measures against other US concerns. Many progressive measures were taken there, but it appears the anti-imperialist movement in the country may be in danger owing to the leaders' failure to take firm measures against the domestic capitalist class. There's a danger that the reactionary Army may seize power. Clearly this danger is inherent in a situation characterised by reformist rather than revolutionary politics.

In the United States the ruling class was in the grip of its worst crisis since World War Two. Nixon in August imposed a wage freeze on the workers to stop them struggling for higher pay. He also imposed a 10 per cent surcharge on imports, which worsened Washington's relations with its 'allies' in West Europe and Japan, without improving the situation for the ruling class back home.

In December Nixon had to devalue the dollar, the first devaluation in forty years. But what really struck at the US bosses' pride was the sending in of relief aid from Japan, one of US imperialism's main rivals, to poverty-stricken unemployed workers in the city of Seattle. 18 per cent of the people there are jobless, 48 per cent in the black community. There were many strikes in the US during the year, including a mass walkout by East and West Coast dockers. Millions of people were again involved in actions against the US aggression in Indo-China.

"THE ENEMY ROTTS WITH EVERY PASSING DAY..."

Events in 1971 show that we are living in a great new era of world revolution and have every reason to be optimistic. As Mao says: "The enemy rots with every passing day, while for us things are getting better daily." The socialist system will eventually replace the capitalist system; this is an objective law independent of man's will. However much the reactionaries try to hold back the wheel of history, sooner or later revolution will take place and will inevitably triumph. ■

India's aggression against Pakistan

The present Indo-Pakistan situation is a product of imperialist divide and rule. In Ireland, Britain divided its colony into two, granting phoney independence to one half and maintaining direct control over the other. In the Indian subcontinent Britain divided the area into three (India and West and East Pakistan). In this way it hoped to keep the new states weak and dependent on British investment. The war in Ireland and the Indo-Pakistan conflict both stem from British imperialist aggression.

U.S. AND SOVIET IMPERIALISM ARE FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OVER THE SUBCONTINENT

British imperialism declined at a faster tempo than it expected and the United States and the Soviet Union began to erode its position in the area. Recent events there have been marked by struggles between these two "super-powers" for domination. The struggle has centred on India, the largest state in the subcontinent. The two "super-powers" try to gain the upper hand in the country because each needs the region as a market and an outlet for investment. They also want to threaten socialist China and obtain a commanding position in the Indian Ocean.

India has become the pivot of a giant seesaw in which the U.S. and Soviet reactionaries each try to tip the balance in favour of themselves.

SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM BEARS GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION

At present Soviet social-imperialism has come out on top in India. The following figures give some idea of the depth of Soviet penetration of the country:

- 80 per cent of military equipment bought by India since 1960 came from the Soviet Union;
- The Soviet Union has given India 8,000 million rupees in military assistance;
- Soviet social-imperialism controls 30 per cent of India's iron and steel industry, 50 per cent of the oil industry and 25 per cent of the electric power industry.

The "Indian Express" said recently: "Russia's long arm now reaches into almost every nook and cranny of the country's life". It added, "Moscow's envoy can strut around the country like the Moghul or the Viceroy".

PAKISTAN—THE VICTIM OF IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION

What has this got to do with Pakistan and East

Bengal ("Bangla Desh"). The answer is that Pakistan, unlike India, has to a marked degree resisted becoming an imperialist sphere of influence. Far from allowing herself to become a tool in the imperialist strategy of opposing China she has even established good-neighbourly relations with her. This independent policy has angered both the United States and the Soviet Union, which want to extend their influence in the area.

The Soviet support of India's aggression against East Pakistan is aimed at widening Soviet social-imperialist influence to strengthen itself in the competition with U.S. imperialism. These two "super-powers" aim at controlling the whole world. In furthering their interests they think nothing of trampling on the rights of other nations. This is how the U.S. is acting in Indo-China today (e.g. in Vietnam), and how the Soviet Union behaved in Czechoslovakia in 1968. Whether the official justification for such aggression is "defence of the free world" in the case of the U.S. or "support for the people" in the case of the Soviet Union, such actions are designed to further the respective imperialist power's domination over smaller nations.

The Soviet-backed invasion of East Pakistan has liberated no-one. The bayonets of the Yahya Khan fascist clique have been exchanged for those of the Indian reactionaries and their hoodwinked supporters.

A sovereign state has been raped by an outside aggressor. Part of a country that has stood up against imperialist pressure has been turned into a base of imperialism. This aggression should be denounced by all anti-imperialists. The choice implied by the imperialist press and TV reports, namely, either support the West Pakistan ruling class or the Bangla Desh "freedom fighters" supported by India, is a false one. The third choice, and the only one for Socialists and other progressive people is to support those forces in East Bengal waging a genuine liberation struggle that will lead to socialism, and all forces throughout Pakistan in their struggle against imperialism.

U.S. IMPERIALISM'S POLICY OF SHAM SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN AGAINST AGGRESSION IS DESIGNED TO HIDE ITS OWN IMPERIALIST AMBITIONS

What is US imperialism's attitude towards the

conflict? It is one of condemnation of India and superficial support for Pakistan.

There is nothing strange about US favouritism towards Pakistan. It is explained by Washington's failure in the competition with Moscow for control over India. India is already in the social-imperialist sphere of influence and so now is East Bengal. In this situation US imperialism needs influence in Pakistan to shore up its own position. It also hopes that its "support" for Pakistan will draw help Pakistan away from its friendship with China.

US imperialism's support for Pakistan is, of course, determined by its own reactionary needs. If it controlled India it would probably have supported the separatist movement in East Pakistan itself.

CHINA'S ANTI-IMPERIALIST STAND THAT EVERY NATION MUST SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS

Completely different is China's relationship with Pakistan, which is based on principle—the principle that imperialists, American or Russian, have no right to turn sovereign countries into their sphere of influence.

China has said that the internal affairs of Pakistan are a matter for the people of Pakistan to settle themselves, and that alone. China has said that Pakistan must stay united at all costs. It is for the Pakistanis—those of the west and those of the east, to decide for themselves whether they are to stay united and how they are to resolve their internal difficulties.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR BENGALI MARXISTS-LENINISTS AND OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS

The enemies of the East Bengal revolution are the ruling classes of West and East Pakistan. The West Pakistan ruling class in Bengal has been kicked out by the Indian invaders, who have managed to deceive many East Bengalis that they support an independent Bangla Desh. But the independent Bangla Desh sponsored by India is a confidence trick, a cover for the creation through armed aggression of a Soviet social-imperialist political base.

With the West Pakistan suppressive army out of the way, the Bengali people will have to fight a new enemy, equally reactionary. Reports from Bengal that some rebel soldiers armed by India

are refusing to hand back their arms indicate that many of these deceived "freedom fighters" are already beginning to have doubts about their "liberators." To liberate the area from the Indian invaders it will be necessary to form a national united front led by Marxist-Leninists and comprising all truly patriotic sections of the population. The extent to which it will be possible to unite with the new leader of West Pakistan, Bhutto, is an internal matter that only the people of West Pakistan and East Bengal can decide in terms of the concrete conditions that prevail. East Bengal separatist leader Sheikh Mujib on January 9th arrived unexpectedly in London, where he met Prime Minister Heath. Press reports say he asked for and received a promise of British imperialist aid. Started by Soviet social-imperialism's success in East Bengal, British imperialism is trying to "look after number one" through establishing as much influence there as possible. Similar approaches can be expected from the United States. The struggle in East Bengal, led by the Marxist-Leninists, will give impetus to the revolutionary movement throughout the subcontinent. Specifically it will give a powerful boost to the struggle of the people in West Bengal who have for several years been waging an armed struggle against the Indian government, and it will help fan the flames of revolution throughout India, thus striking at one of the most reactionary governments in Asia and undermining one of the main props of imperialism in that continent. In short a bad thing (the Soviet-inspired Indian aggression against Pakistan) can and will be turned into a good thing, a powerful liberation war throughout Bengal which will be nothing less than stage one of the socialist revolution throughout the Indian subcontinent. Imperialism has placed yet another noose around its own neck.

FOOTNOTE:
INDIAN "LIBERATORS" IN FIGHT AGAINST GENUINE LIBERATION WAR
While Indian troops were busy "liberating" East Pakistan, as they put it, other Indian soldiers were busy trying to suppress the struggle of the oppressed Naga people in East India. The Nagas have been fighting the reactionary Indian government, and the corrupt system it represents for years. Far from being suppressed they have grown stronger in the struggle. The Indian Home Affairs minister admitted on New Year's day that the Nagas had recently stepped up their activities. They are reported especially active in the villages, where they are organising against the landlords.



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1. The workers who bear the main responsibility for producing and selling the Irish Liberation Press have reached a policy decision to incorporate the Irish Liberation Press into a new periodical paper. This decision is the product of several months discussion and is unanimous.

2. The decision has been taken because the coming into being of the new publication will serve the interest of the Irish and British working people who have the same common enemy that exploits them both, namely the British imperialist ruling class which through its ownership of the industry, land, commerce and finances of the two nations exploits the people of Ireland and Britain.

This common main enemy of both Irish and British working classes is like a huge clay-footed brute standing with one foot on the Irish people and the other foot on the British people. This brute can best be attacked by the workers of Ireland and Britain hacking away together with all their might at its legs to bring it down forever. Hence every blow struck against British imperialism in colonial Ireland is a blow of support for the struggle of British workers, and likewise every attack launched against this brute by the British working class is of assistance to the heroic people of Ireland in their glorious fight to clear their country of aggressor troops, expose and crush the Stormont and Dublin lackeys as well as their master British imperialism, win national liberation and march on to re-unite a liberated Ireland and build an independent socialist people's republic.

The new periodical paper will play a role within Britain in the raising of the political consciousness of the masses so that they will understand that to fully support the struggle in Ireland is in their own class interest, whilst simultaneously they must start work on the construction of a mass movement and a vanguard revolutionary political party of the working class and other exploited people so that socialist revolution can take place here in Britain.

3. At the top of this page there appears the masthead of the new publication which will take the same uncompromising stand in support of the Irish people as has the Irish Liberation Press during its lifetime.

4. The Irish Liberation Press has been quite successful. The first issue came out in March 1970 and sold two thousand copies. Average sales recently have been about 9,000 per issue. The Special Historic Easter Issue sold 10,400 copies throughout Britain and Ireland. But the real importance of the paper has not just been that it has sold so well despite all the many problems involved in bringing it out. The significant thing is that it has been a sturdy vehicle for the transmission of revolutionary ideas among the people. In other words it has been the clear, principled political line of the Irish

Liberation Press that has caused it to be so well liked by its readers and equally despised by the ruling class.

5. The Irish Liberation Press has also done everything in its power to show that the struggle against exploitation and oppression is an international one and has always supported the slogan "Workers and oppressed peoples of all countries unite."

6. This progress having been made, why incorporate the Irish Liberation Press into a new periodical paper? The answer is that the workers who produce and sell the Irish Liberation Press wish to expand a true understanding of and support for the struggle of the people of

a fish in water, sorting out their confusion, raising their level of political consciousness and winning them to revolutionary politics.

Such a paper does not yet exist in this country. The Irish Liberation Press could never be that paper precisely because its appeal was in the main to Irish workers in Britain, although quite a few class-conscious British workers of all colours did give it support. As long as this situation continued the millions of workers who are not Irish but nevertheless can be won would be left at the mercy of British imperialism's lie-machine which daily churns out systematically prepared distortions of the facts of the Irish struggle. So, although it was absolutely

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the struggle of the workers of Britain can be reported, analysed and advanced. This will mean among other things that a new awareness of the class struggle for socialism here will be brought to Irish workers residing in Britain who, for as long as they stay, are part of this nation's working class and must be recruited to actively participate in the fight for socialism in Britain.

7. These limitations were inherent in the Irish Liberation Press. They could not be resolved nor the work moved forward and responsibilities shouldered in the absence of a new formulae being worked out through discussion and investigation which would be based upon a desire to serve the struggle of the Irish. British and world's peoples against imperialist domination and exploitation. It became apparent that what the people needed was a voice.

The poor cannot rely on the mass media of the rich to tell the truth about its problems or advance its class interest. So, in the spirit of working class self-reliance, the proposal to incorporate the Irish Liberation Press into a new-type socialist periodical paper was wholeheartedly adopted.

8. This is then the last issue of the Irish Liberation Press. The end of one phase of the struggle and the beginning of a new one, just as a child grows naturally into an adult.

The first issue of the Voice of the People will appear in time for May Day, an appropriate time for its launching when workers all over the world will be filling the streets marching under the banner of international working class solidarity and fight for a socialist world and the ending for all time of the system of capitalism and imperialism which is based on the exploitation of man by man. It will initially be published bi-monthly, will be the same price as this issue of the Irish Liberation Press, with an initial print order of at least ten thousand.

9. We appeal to all readers of the Irish Liberation Press to loyally support its successor, the Voice of the People. It will be different from every other paper in Britain, though many people are genuinely striving for the same ends as the producers of the new periodical. The producers of the new periodical paper hope that all genuine people up and down the country will over a period of time be linked together through the Voice of the People and that it will aid the eradication of subjectivism and assist in the creation of genuine organizations for socialist struggle.

Please buy and read the Voice of the People when it comes out. It is in your interest to do so. It is your voice. And you are its vocal chords.



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Ireland from within Britain. Whereas the Irish Liberation Press has been a good platform for getting across news of what is happening in Ireland to Irish workers in Britain, the fact remains that millions and millions of British workers are politically confused—and are purposely kept confused by the British imperialist newspapers, television and radio—as to the class nature of the fight against colonial domination. Because, as has already been explained, in reality it is in the interest of British workers to give solidarity and support to the Irish people, these millions of workers in Britain are a huge reservoir of potential support, a potential that can only begin to be tapped when there exists here a paper which goes amongst them like

vital, particularly after the pogrom of late 1969, that a paper should be brought out which exposed the brutalities being perpetrated against the people of Ireland together with their heroic fight back, it is now absolutely vital that the machinery for exposing the truth to the maximum amount of workers everywhere should be developed. The practical experience gained in almost two years of writing, producing and selling the Irish Liberation Press will be of invaluable assistance to the undertaking of this serious responsibility.

Moreover, the new periodical paper will be the appropriate platform through which not only the struggle in Ireland can be given adequate coverage but also