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[EROL Note] *Workers' Daily* – “All the News that Serves the Proletarian Socialist Revolution” – carried a report on the anti-fascist Red Lion Square demonstration during which a Warwick University student, Kevin Gately, sustained injuries during a police charge on the demonstrators of which he later died. Kevin Gately is the tall, bearded and long-haired figure whose head is circled. Included was this statement from the CPI (ML) on the militant actions on the day.



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Salute the heroic anti-fascist struggle of the British working class and youth !

Death to the British ruling class whose police dogs murdered student Kevin Gately for opposing fascism !

British monopoly capitalism and its police openly stand with fascism and racism against working people !

Defeat the Hitlerite National Front who provocatively organised a fascist and racist demonstration !

Yesterday, Saturday June 15th, in London the police viciously attacked and assaulted an heroic anti-fascist demonstration of British and national minority workers, youth and students, killing one young student, who heroically stood by the anti-fascist fighters. This vicious crime on the part of the British ruling class will incite the burning class hatred of working people of British and national minority origins throughout Britain. This crime reveals that the British state, its police, its courts, and its entire apparatus are totally in the service of the parasitical monopoly capitalist class and against the ordinary people. The facade of democracy which the British ruling class tries so hard to maintain has fallen in Britain. This vicious crime is bound to lead to mass opposition of all working people.

The Irish working class and people, who are locked in struggle on the armed, political and economic front, against the same British ruling class, who have been slaughtered, deported, exploited, oppressed, degraded, racially slandered, abused by the same British ruling class, know only too well the character of this monster calling itself the British "system", "British democracy" etc. It is in fact nothing but a handful of parasites who have robbed and plundered the entire world as well as keeping their own people in the bondage of wage slavery. The Irish people are one with the heroic British working class in their

struggle against this monster the British monopoly capitalist class and warmly salute and greet the heroic struggles being waged by the British workers together with the students against this class, especially those in the spirited demonstration against the fascist guardians of the monopoly capitalists in London yesterday.

With the arrogance of their masters, the British monopoly capitalist class, the hated racist Hitlerite National Front yesterday brazenly organised an openly racist demonstration against immigrant workers and students in Britain. These immigrant workers and students have for centuries worked alongside their British counterparts. The immigrant workers and students come from those countries which have been viciously suppressed, robbed and plundered for centuries by the British monopoly capitalist class. Yet the National Front, who represent fascism and are openly and covertly one arm of the British monopoly capitalist class and who

therefore represent the most parasitical and backward section of society, shamelessly demonstrated for the expulsion of these workers from Britain.

However the British working class have never accepted fascism and never will; it is they who in the 1930's organised to defeat Mosley and have learnt that the British ruling class have never been opposed to fascism and in fact prepared the fascist forces to use them when their charade of liberal democracy falls through. The British working class learnt, through the bitter experience of losing thousands upon thousands of their finest sons in the inter-imperialist wars, that the British ruling class has nothing at stake but its own profit and fought Hitler's fascism in the Second World War not because it was fascist but because the German capitalists represented by Hitler were taking British colonies and territories and consequently undermining their profits.

The British working class cheered and saluted when Stalin, leading the Red Army of the world's first socialist state, defeated Hitler at the Battle of Stalingrad, the turning point in World War II.

This showed to the world and to the British working class that only the working class is genuinely anti-fascist in its sentiment and that only the working class genuinely values demo-

cracy and the right of all nations to self-determination. The young, underdeveloped and highly inexperienced socialist state of the great Russian people defeated Hitler whilst the highly developed, longstanding, experiences and rich imperialist countries like Britain were not able to do so.

Similarly in Britain although the bourgeoisie puts up a small hue and cry about the extremeness of the views of the Powellites, Monday Club, Right wing, National Front and others they in fact support their basic racism and fully applaud the basic anti-working class designs of these fascists.

The British ruling class is nurturing fascism in order to break up the trade unions, attack the national minority workers, attack the communists and other progressive people. The interests of the British monopoly capitalist class are most clearly underlined by yesterday's demonstration in which they never laid a finger on

the fascists and racists but brought their mounted police out in great numbers to attack the anti-fascist demonstrators. On a series of occasions they simply launched attacks against the anti-fascist demonstrators, brutally and viciously assaulting them and gave full protection to the fascist hoodlums and thugs who arrogantly waved their Union Jacks, common symbol to people all over the world of oppression, slavery and plunder.

Instead of the police of the British monopoly capitalist state launching an attack on the fascist demonstration and jailing them for promoting racism and fascism and everything backward in society, the police shamelessly attacked the anti-fascist workers and youth. This lesson is an indelible lesson which history will never remove, and which will forever inspire the working class of Britain to take their destiny in their own hands and oppose fascism and its creator monopoly capitalism.

The militant fighting stand by the demonstrators yesterday shows that the working class of Britain, of British and national minority origin, and the youth and students will not flinch from their historic mission and will take up the necessity to defeat fascism and refuse fascists the right to organise. In reflecting this attitude the demonstrators militantly defended themselves against the police attacks and launched vigorous attacks against

the right of the fascists to hold their Nazi gathering and against the police defence of this. At one point when the Hitlerite National Front arrived the anti-fascists lined up to prevent them entering the meeting. Amongst militant anti-fascist slogans and singing of the Internationale, a British worker carrying a red flag and representing the Communist Party of England (Marxist-Leninist) dashed forward and heroically dealt out justice to one of the leaders of the fascist demonstration who was dressed in Hitlerite uniform, brazenly flaunting swastikas and other fascist symbols. Suffering badly, the fascist showed his true cowardly character and limped off back to his cronies, while the police, earnest to prevent justice being done to the National Front, immediately launched yet another attack against the heroic anti-fascist demonstrators. In all 54 demonstrators have been charged with "offences against the crown" !! and many willingly suffered injury to prevent the fascists organising. In the course of this one

student, Kevin Gately, was killed by the police. Meanwhile the police goons received a total of at least 38 injured whilst they made no arrests and no attacks on the fascists.

The British monopoly capitalist class, their police and their Hitlerite goons in the National Front have bitten off more than they can chew this time. These crimes will not go unanswered by the British people! By their atrocities yesterday they have shown that they are solely on the side of fascism and reaction and are prepared to use armed force and murder against the people if that is what is needed to defend these foul principles and their rotten system.

Within the last few weeks the British monopoly capitalists have murdered brave Michael Gaughan from Ireland's finest youth and now they have murdered Kevin Gately. Only a few weeks before their counter-insurgency force had let off, or caused to be let off, bombs killing 32 people in Dublin and Monaghan, and the U.F.F. -- British fascist force -- has been unrepentantly carrying out its criminal path of murder in the north.

All this violence is second nature to British monopoly capitalism which has carried out such killings in nearly every country in the world at one time or another. With the basic aim of imperialism being to amass profits and make more profits, from its workers at home and peoples and nations abroad, it has relied on violence and superior armed force to suppress all opposition to its extraction of super profits. This is why violence is second nature to British imperialism. This is why it has 20,000 British imperialist mercenary troops in the north of Ireland in a vain attempt to defend its economic interests in our country.

Whilst profit and violence are the hallmarks of imperialism and fascism its regular refuge, these characteristics are also its sure downfall. An unjust cause can never succeed and a

just cause will always succeed even if it takes years of struggle and many attempts to achieve victory. Nine centuries of British imperialist domination in Ireland and endless massacres and periods of armed military rule and occupation, which continues in the north of the country today, will never make the Irish people believe that British imperialism's cause is just and it only serves to unite and inspire the people to take their destiny in their own hands

and persevere in finding a way to defeat the aggressors. The Irish people will never lay down their arms and never accept the unjust cause of the British imperialists. In the past five years many of our patriotic youth and workers and small farmers have laid down their lives or dedicated themselves with renewed vigour to the cause of the Irish people for national independence. In the last year or so this has been accompanied by the re-awakening of the Irish working class and their increased militancy which has been reflected in their militant strike struggles -- including the recent Ulster workers' strike which brought the puppet regime down -- and by the redevelopment of the genuine Communist Party, the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), in the correct footsteps of the communists of the 1920's and '30's of the Communist Party of Ireland. The Irish working class is astir, the Irish workers are uniting despite all attempts by the British imperialists to divide them; the Irish patriotic masses are engaged in armed and political struggles against British imperialism and the colonial and neo-colonial regimes in the north and south. With such a movement astir, the demand for the Marxist-Leninist Party, the strengthening of the unity of all workers and of all nationalist fighters, the Irish people are bound to win national independence as the first step in the proletarian socialist revolution.

In this struggle the Irish working people have always received the warm and militant support of the British working class and national minorities, as recently when the prisoners saluted the Irish people's struggle when Michael Gaughan heroically sacrificed his life. Likewise the working class have supported in many ways our struggle, and the genuine Marxist-Leninists who were in the forefront of the anti-fascist demonstration have been in the forefront of propagandising the ideas of the cause of Irish national independ-

ence and proletarian socialist revolution amongst the British people and have proudly suffered severe jail sentences for this.

Likewise the struggles of the British working class receive the warm support of the Irish working class and people; we consider our struggles as inseparable and the necessity of uniting to defeat the British imperialist class between us as essential for victory of both our peoples. The National Exec-

utive of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), on behalf of the Irish working class and people, warmly support all the struggles waged by your people against the British monopoly capitalist class, warmly applaud and support the militant strike struggles of the British working class which are an inspiration to our workers north and south in their own struggles.

The National Executive of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) warmly applauds the militant anti-fascist demonstration of British workers on June 15th and condemns the murderous activities of the British monopoly capitalist class, and police, courts and the Hitlerite National Front. We applaud the militant anti-fascist lead taken by the British students who have struggled up and down the country against fascism, passed a resolution opposing the rights of fascists to organise and only recently stopped a fascist gathering in Canterbury. The British students, like the Irish youth and students, have taken a lead in smashing fascism as in Trinity College Dublin where the youth and students actually caused the defeat and dissolution of the National Front Club in November 1973.

The hands of the British monopoly capitalists are covered with the blood of Kevin Gately and Michael Gaughan -- some of the finest of the sons and daughters of our two peoples. This will inspire the Irish working class and people to unite more vigorously and fight more energetically to achieve national independence and proletarian socialist revolution and unite in struggle with the British people and totally defeat the British monopoly capitalist class. This will definitely inspire the British working class to escalate their struggle for proletarian socialist revolution and join with the Irish people and the people all round the world in militant opposition to British imperialism's rule.

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