

Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front

# Counter-Revisionaries Get Hammered

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## COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES HAMMERED

■ THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY "IRISH COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION" was thoroughly exposed, isolated and given a political hammering during the open session of the INLSF First Annual Conference in Conway Hall on September 27th. In accordance with a decision to deal with them thoroughly in a political way, rather than just barring them physically from the session, and having confidence in the many workers present and the correct politics of the INLSF to expose this pro-imperialist rubbish, the job was efficiently executed. Even before the counter-revolutionary spokesman for the "ICO" had finished speaking many workers had become keenly aware that what they were hearing was nothing but a defence of imperialism and an attack on the heroic Irish people and the correct politics of the INLSF. The general secretary of the INLSF explained that the tiny clique calling itself the "ICO" had been forced out into the open by the principled stand and correct line of the INLSF and its mass work during the past year. The "ICO" had fallen for every trick in the imperialist book. In reply to slanders levelled against the workers of the INLSF he pointed out that the organization had in its statement of aims, in its leaflets and in the Irish Liberation Press clearly and unswervingly given an "explanation to the working class of its politics". It was simply a lie to describe the comrades in the organization as "petty bourgeois". All members were workers. In a recently circulated "ICO" leaflet the INLSF general secretary had been quoted as saying to the "ICO" "all we need is your politics" and that he "slid out" of a meeting with the "ICO". What was there to slide out of? The "ICO" are easily exposed as they were at an INLSF meeting in the "Cock" in Kilburn a few months ago when they lauded the British imperialist aggressor troops as "protectors of the people", which is still their position, though they conveniently only disclose it as being so when forced to. What irks the "ICO" is that the INLSF came into being without asking its permission! The "ICO" had claimed that the INLSF has never replied to their political position on Ireland. That was not true. In an earlier meeting with the "ICO" and in the editorial of number four of the Irish Liberation Press counter-revolutionaries who support the military occupation of the North by British aggressor troops were dealt with and a correct analysis of the role of reforms was clearly laid down for all to see. It was the "ICO" who had not replied to that blast from which it was still trying to recover. It thinks that the INLSF, a serious working class organisation, should drop its political work to answer an attack from an "organisation" that in any real terms does not exist and one which objectively serves British imperialism. However, when the INLSF had time the "ICO" would receive a written reply,

which small cliques cherish so much, to a pro-aggressor troop, pro-imperialist letter it had sent the INLSF some time ago. The "ICO" claims that the introduction of reforms constitute the "main content" of British imperialist policy regarding the North. The INLSF correctly described this claim as being rubbish, a detailed argument appearing in the above-mentioned editorial goes into this question. The "ICO" had fallen lock stock and barrel for the "benevolent" image that British imperialism is desperately trying to sell to the people of the North who are not buying. The "ICO" acclaims the disbanding of the B specials, the disarming of the RUC, the reform of local government and the setting up of a Housing Authority as being synonymous with moves away from fascism towards the establishment of a bourgeois liberal democracy. It supports the presence of aggressor troops and helps to cover up their atrocities. In the service of imperialism the "ICO" ignores the fact that hundreds and hundreds of workers are at this time being dragged before fascist courts and are being given mandatory prison sentences of at least six months under the Criminal Justice (Temporary Provisions) Act. The "ICO" ignores the British imperialist fascist terror machine of murder, CS gas, looting, snatch squads, water cannon, rubber bullets, truncheons, tanks, curfew, police brutality, courts, widespread and heavy prison sentences, threat of internment without trial, just as in South Africa, and all the other concrete evidence that says that fascism is developing, is the "main content". The "ICO" sums all of this up and tells us that this is merely "The reform and restructuring of bourgeois politics" and that what we are witnessing is in fact the liberalisation of the Northern fascist junta. In reality, however, as for reforms, the B Specials have been turned into the Ulster Defence Regiment, more modern and infinitely better equipped than under their old title, the RUC has in no real way been disarmed as its guns are always near at hand in the arsenals and in fact these are currently being replaced by the new "Walther" German pistol, local government and housing reforms have not yet been implemented and even if they had been their implementation would in no way be incompatible with the simultaneous development of fascism. The "ICO" claims to have "branches" in "all the main centres in Ireland, Belfast, Dublin and Cork". The "ICO" does not have communist groups in any of these places. It is doubtful, moreover, if they have groups as such at all. What they may have are one or two individuals who masquerade as "communists" here and there, which is just as well as their counter-revolutionary politics can only serve as a diversion. Facts are facts and the "ICO" can be summed up as being non-communist, doing no mass work and having no significant

support, despite their boast that they have existed since 1964. The "ICO" had been very concerned (to the point of having to produce a special leaflet) to publicly state "...needless to say we don't support the 'mass mobilisation week'...". What then, asked the INLSF general secretary of the conference is this mass mobilisation, this Solidarity of the People of Ireland Week? The politics of the Week were laid down on the 20,000 leaflets advertising it. The leaflets said BRITISH IMPERIALISM AND ITS AGGRESSOR TROOPS OUT OF IRELAND NOW! RELEASE ALL IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW! STOP C.S. GAS WARFARE ATROCITIES NOW! NO INTERNMENTS! VICTORY TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE IRISH PEOPLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION! OUT WITH ALL PUPPETS OF IMPERIALISM NORTH AND SOUTH! IRISH POLITICAL POWER GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN! IRISH PEOPLE FORWARD TO VICTORY WITH PEOPLES WAR! WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ALL COUNTRIES UNITE! These then are the politics that the "ICO" don't support. In fact they bitterly oppose these politics, just as their imperialist masters bitterly oppose them. What more vivid and conclusive indictment can there ever be against this motley collection of pro-imperialist scabs. They claim that they are an alternative to the INLSF. In this they are absolutely right. Their imperialist politics are the alternative to the working class politics of the INLSF, an alternative to the serious mass work which the INLSF is doing to raise the level of consciousness here in Britain in order to win mass support for the struggle of the brave Irish people against British imperialism. The "ICO" is utterly divorced from the masses and herein lies the root of their counter-revolutionary politics. They were allowed in, said the INLSF general secretary, they have shown themselves in their own words for exactly what they are. He then proposed to the open session that this clique be asked to leave forthwith as to allow them to stay would be to permit an insult to the Irish working and struggling masses. This was seconded by Cde. Joe O'Neill, INLSF chairman, and put to the vote. Every single person in the conference hall except the four "ICO" scabs voted enthusiastically for the proposal. Fuming, helpless, exposed and thoroughly isolated they left the hall. The conference, moved by revolutionary spirit then proceeded with discussion of agitation, education and organisational plans for the coming year's work.

NOTE: The "ICO" now assists the "divide and rule" policy of British imperialism by claiming that "...in Ireland there has evolved not one but two nationalities...". ("Communist Comment", "ICO" rag, No. 18, Aug. 29th 1970)