Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

MURDER!

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Stop British troops committing MURDER!

British troops out of Ireland!

IN NORTHERN IRELAND today British troops in their thousands are rampaging through workers' homes and shooting men dead in the streets.

They are there because last year saw a massive movement of protest against conditions created by British rule in Northern Ireland. British monopoly capitalism, which for generations has profited from the exploitation of workers in the great industries of Ulster like textiles and shipbuilding, relied on its Stormont stooges to keep Northern Ireland quiet and the profits rolling in. But with the rundown of traditional industries, unemployment rocketed to 20% in some places and the people began to rebel. The whole rotten system of inadequate housing unfairly distributed and jobs for the boys came under fire.

Stormont reacted with a vicious campaign of repression using CS gas and the notorious "B Specials." But the people fought back until last August the entire edifice of British rule in Northern Ireland was near collapse. The British bosses, through their 'Labour' Government, sent in the troops. They said they sent them in "to keep the peace"; in fact they sent them in to keep their profits.

IRELAND FIGHTS FOR JUST DEMANDS
Northern Ireland today is in a state of siege, a British army of occupation holding back a militant and rebellious population. The Irish demand: British troops out! Ireland one nation!

The land that was divided by Britain 50 years ago shall be re-united by the Irish people themselves, and to do this they will have to organise a People's Army. The struggle for re-unification is inseparable from the fight to liberate all Ireland from British imperialism. A phoney, negotiated re-unification would merely replace the direct colonialism of the North with the neo-colonialism of the South.

BRITISH IMPERIALISM FOSTERS RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS
Experience in combat is teaching the Irish the need for a united struggle to expel the invader. Religious differences have been carefully fostered by British imperialism to confuse and divide the people the better to exploit them. The protestant Paisley and the catholic Pope, the Orange Order and the Ancient Order of Hibernians — these are bit part players in Ireland's drama and must not divert attention from the real villain, the British ruling class, or the real hero, the Irish people.

Once real battle between these two protagonists is joined, only class differences will matter.

Irish workers have a great history of united struggle at the point of production against the boss. Their struggle is now confronting the biggest boss of all — British imperialism. The Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) is convinced that the liberation of Ireland will only be achieved by a united movement based on the working class. For final success that movement must be led by a genuine communist party (first with the Marxist outlook of James Connolly, Ireland's greatest patriot and deepest thinker, who was murdered by the British Government in 1916).

FULL SUPPORT FOR IRISH LIBERATION FIGHTERS
We call on British workers to give solid support to the struggle of the Irish people for a united Ireland and an end to British rule. Their employers are our employers, their enemies are our enemies, their struggle our struggle. The class which sends the Army against Irish workers will not hesitate to send it against British workers — as armed blacklegs to break the dockers' strike. We salute the heroism of our Irish class brothers in resisting that Army and we join them in their battlecry:

BRITISH TROOPS OUT NOW!

Discussion Meeting on Ireland
The West London Branch of the CPSU(ML) announces a public meeting on Ireland.

Spokesmen will allow ample time for questions and discussion.

7.30 p.m. Friday 4th September
Porchester Hall, Paddington.
Buses 36, 27, 15 & 7.
TUBE: Bayswater & Royal Oak.