Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)
Declare War on the Warmakers

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DECLARE WAR ON THE WARMAKERS

EVERY new vicious move of the British Government in Ireland — internment without trial, sending in 1,500 more troops, trying to seal off the North, the torture of internees — is met by increasing resistance from the Irish Working Class. In Britain also a movement is beginning around the line put forward by the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) at our historic Trafalgar Square demonstration (picture, right).

We said in August, 1969:

"WE condemn the despatch of the British troops to Ulster by the Westminster (Labour) Government. It is an act designed to save a puppet Government no longer able to govern. The United Kingdom Government's intervention can only inflame and is doomed to failure. We call upon all people here in Britain to demand the immediate withdrawal of British troops. Our Party joins with all who seek to assist the unity of the Irish working class to unite against the Northern Ireland puppets, and we are ready to assist in every way possible to achieve this aim. It is for the Irish people to establish a government of their own choosing. The so-called Irish settlement is clearly seen to all now as a failure. Ireland is one nation. Out with the intruders and their quislings!"

We said in Trafalgar Sq. in September 1971:

"NOW is the testing time for workers here. We cannot be free ourselves except we fight for the freedom of Irish workers as they are fighting for us."

"What shall we do? We call for the withdrawal of all troops — the Stormont Ku Klux Klan, the imperialist forces, the special Ulster 'defence' body, the lot. All workers here, the whole labour movement, all the unions must support this demand.

"British soldiers were sent into Ulster by the Labour Government. Their policy of aggression was endorsed by the Tory Government. General Free- land gave the orders 'shoot to kill'. This brought about the armed struggle of people in defence of their homes, their families'."

"We as a Party say let us end this chapter in history of British imperialism now! Let the workers of this country say once and for all — get the troops out of Ireland. Let the Irish people decide their own destiny themselves".

UNITY MUST BE BASED ON PRINCIPLE

WE as a Party have been asked many times — who will we work with on the question of Ireland. We say our position is, and has always been, clear. Since our Party was formed, three years ago our attitude has been that we oppose the partition of Ireland by Britain. We see as a necessary step to the unification of Ireland, the need for a complete withdrawal of all British troops, the release of all political prisoners and the immediate disbandment of the puppet government in Stormont. On these issues we will work with any person or political party. Our job as the Communist Party of the working class is to force the Government into conceding these just demands.