

Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist)

Communists Resist Harassment by British Imperialist Mercenary Troops in the North of Ireland

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During the last two weeks, four supporters of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) have been arrested in Belfast for distributing communist literature and for organising in support of the national liberation struggle of the Irish people.

On 27th June, two comrades were arrested whilst distributing the statement of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) DON'T VOTE FOR THE "NORTHERN IRELAND" ASSEMBLY. They were each charged with "disorderly behaviour", one was charged with "assaulting" two soldiers and the other with "assaulting" three soldiers. These two comrades were remanded in custody and on July 6th, after an uncompleted trial lasting one and half hours, they were both sentenced to one month imprisonment for contempt of court, after persisting in raising the political questions involve din the case. Their case was to be heard on July 11th but was remanded for one week until Wednesday July 18th.

On July 5th two more comrades were arrested for distributing communist literature. They were also charged with "disorderly behaviour" and this time one was charged with "assaulting" one soldier and the other with "assaulting" two soldiers. These comrades appeared in court on July 6th and on July 9th. They have been remanded on bail until July 16th.

The British government has no right to occupy Ireland and suppress the Irish people. The four comrades who were arrested in the north, were arrested because of the political views and not because of any so-called "crime" as the imperialists want to make out. There is no law against communist literature in England or in Ireland and the arrest of communists for distributing communist literature is a clear example of the nature of the so-called democracy of British imperialism.

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