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## BRITISH IMPERIALISM CREATES FASCIST STATE

Two weeks ago a series of demonstrations began in Dublin in support of the people of the north. Several thousands attended rallies at the GPO to listen to speakers explaining the situation in the north and calling on people to take action. On two nights there were sit ins in the Garden of Remembrance and there were also several marches to the British Embassy. At one stage people were being openly signed on by the IRA and asked to fight in the north against the British. The Gardai on numerous occasions viciously attacked the demonstrators and indiscriminately arrested people, showing all the fascist characteristics of the B Specials in the north. Yet after only one week most of the enthusiasm had died down.

More than 6,000 British troops, the same troops who fifty years ago brutally tried to suppress the Irish people have moved into Ireland with the apparent support of large sections of the Irish people. Rampant

fascism has been regenerated in the north in an attempt to divide the people on the old basis of religious sectarianism and to distract them from their real struggle against the British monopoly capitalist domination of our country. And now the people of north and south are starting to go back to their normal lives apparently unaware of the meaning of these events.

How come the broad masses of the oppressed Irish people are not being organised against the open British invasion of the north and the fascism created by the imperialists to maintain their grip on Ireland? The explanation lies in the careful propaganda put out by the imperialists and in the leadership given by the movements of the oppressed people.

The Six counties, just like southern Ireland, are very severely exploited by British monopoly capitalism (British imperialism). Most of the big industries and

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-ess chains in the north such as the ship-building indus-  
try and the aircraft industry are controlled by the British.

In order to make the most profits out of people and in order to keep the people begging it is in the interests of these industries that the people have low wages, bad living conditions etc. Therefore in the north just as in the south propaganda is done about the difficulty of encouraging industry to come and the expense of building houses and generally creating the conditions whereby the life of the worker would be improved. They put out anti-working class propaganda such as the idea that workers are lazy and do not want to work because they can get as much money from the labour.

In opposition to this, over the last few years there has been an upsurge of the political consciousness of the people of Ireland. This development is occurring on a world-wide scale, and in Asia, Africa and South America, especially, the people are rising on a massive scale against the same exploitation as is oppressing the Irish people. In the north the civil rights movement quickly gained massive support in its fight for democratic rights, especially when the government set their police onto the crowds in an attempt to squash the movement at its beginning. In this situation the imperialists had the choice of giving small concessions in the hope that the whole thing would die down or of attacking the people and attempting to brutally suppress them. They chose a combination of the two but because of the rising militancy of the people were forced to put more emphasis on brutal suppression. When straightforward beating up of the people failed and the masses refused to be fooled by propaganda about groups of 'hooligans' or 'only a small minority' it became necessary to develop more sophisticated fascism. Religious sectarianism was then provoked deliberately, by organising and financing all the fascist elements in the country, in order to divert the peoples attention away from the economic problems of their country and their causes. Because of the failure of this to control the people, monopoly capital has decided that the only solution to the problem lies in the formation of a fascist police state. In order to create the conditions for this, careful propaganda to distort the situation in the north was done with the help of Lynch and his government and also objectively with the help of various peoples movements. And at the moment large numbers of people think that the British troops are in the north in order to help the Irish people!!!

The British imperialists are not only scared of the people in the north, they are also scared of the rising people in the south. The recent developments in the south such as the large strikes, the farming disputes and the opposition to the government's housing policies, all show that the people are beginning to see more clearly the role of imperialism and are beginning to organise against it. All over Ireland therefore, the masses are rising and these are the conditions which have lead Britain and her lackeys to artificially create a situation in which she could send 6,000 troops (or more) into Ireland to prepare for the time in the future when it will be necessary for her to try and suppress a peoples struggle from waging over the whole Ireland. Clearly it will be a thousand times less of an outcry if troops move across to help Lynch and his imperialist masters than if they have to be specially shipped across from England.

In this situation what should we do in the south. The

first thing is that the broad masses are unclear about the real nature of the problem in the north and how it affects the situation in the south. Therefore there is a need to organise mass discussion and mass dissemination of ideas in order to find those which are correct. Simultaneously with the development of peoples understanding an organisation must be developed which can lead and unite all the oppressed people against imperialism. Organising to spread the ideas and develop discussion becomes organising to fight imperialism.

I. R. Y. is working in the communities and the place of work and also in the town centre. We are selling our newspaper on the widest possible scale and initiating discussion on it. In the community we are talking to the people and organising meetings where people can put forward their ideas and where open serious discussion can take place. In the centre we will use every opportunity to come into contact with people and talk with them and organise them to participate in the task of creating mass opposition to imperialism in this country.

In the last few weeks many of the ideas put forward by various organisations on the nature of the problem in the north and about what is to be done in the south have contributed to the confusion in the minds of the people, to dissipating the energy of the people and to generating fear and its acceptance in the south. The essence of these ideas is that they confuse people over the nature of imperialism and do not show how to organise against it. The effect of this is that people see the violence in the north and their own oppression as something that just came from nowhere and not as a result of the need of the imperialists to continue their economic exploitation of Ireland. This makes people unable to recognise this and fight against their own oppression. Let us look at some of these ideas.

For instance, it has been requested that the UN send a peace force to the north to calm the place down. This idea completely fails to point out the real cause of the problem and to mobilise people against it (Br. imperialism), and also creates confusion as to the nature of the UN. The UN was set up by the imperialist countries to protect their interests. Since its beginning it has faithfully done this by, for instance, interfering in the Congo to suppress the Congolese peoples liberation struggle and to maintain Belgian, British and U.S. interests there, and at present by trying to prevent the Arab peoples just struggle to regain the territory which the fascist U.S. backed Israel has taken from them.

Some people were calling in the government to intervene in the north and were praising the statements by Lynch. Lynch and his government clearly are the servants of British imperialism as is shown by the way his party has manipulated this country into more and more total dependence on Britain. At this stage it is extremely important to expose the role of Lynch and not to confuse it with the erroneous idea that Lynch and the people are united on the basis of republicanism. Lynch has no interest in republicanism except to mouth a few words when he looks like being exposed as an agent of foreign monopoly capitalism. Lynch has actively promoted British interests by spreading the idea that the problem in the north comes from religious sectarianism and creating the consciousness among the people whereby they would accept British intervention.

Some people are saying that the thing to do is build

genuine working class party. This is a necessity because only a party of the working class can unite and lead the oppressed sections of the people against British imperialism, but it doesn't show how this is to be done or give any guidance as to what the broad masses are to do with the present situation, in which fascism is developing and spreading and the British army is entrenching itself on Irish soil. The working class party will only come about through participating in the mass struggles and developing the structures and analysis needed to do this. The guide to action should be to go to the people with ideas and discuss with them to find out what is correct and what is incorrect, and to set up structures to further increase mass political consciousness. The organisation which does this and further develops to lead the struggle in Ireland will give rise to the working class party.

There are some people who revel in demonstrations in which they can have a good punch-up with the police. These people are extremely dangerous to the revolutionary movement because they obscure and confuse the real fight against imperialism and make it into a fight against the police. The police come mainly from the oppressed sections of the people and are merely used by the imperialists to subdue the people. The average garda has to come under a strict discipline, enforced through threats, in order to make him behave the way he does. If he is attacked unnecessarily then this is only going to develop the fascist side of him and make him retaliate to defend himself as well as imperialism. Demonstrations are necessary in order to show the solidarity of the oppressed people and to strengthen their will, and to show the ruling classes what they are up against and to weaken their will. If the police attack demonstrations then it is as necessary for the people to defend themselves. Demonstrations are only one aspect of the struggle and they are against imperialism, not against

police brutality per se.

Lastly some people are trying to organise a military force to go up to the north to fight against the British. The main negative effect of this is to obscure the role of British imperialism in the south and to make out that it only exists in the north. Going up to the north for a few days can only have a limited effect because at some time it is necessary to come back. The most effective way to help the people in the north is to organise in ones own area. In this way it is easier to understand the problems of the people and to get their support and to mobilise them. Organising down here will enable us to help the people in the north by giving physical, ideological and moral support. Physical support in the form of the thousands of people mobilised against our common enemy. Ideological support in the form of ideas, worked out in the struggle, on the present nature of imperialism and how to organise against it. Moral support in the form of solidarity with the struggle in the north and showing that all the oppressed people are rising against imperialism and will certainly be successful.

Although it is true to say that most of the people are confused as to the precise nature of the problem in Ireland, most of the people are quite clear that they are being exploited and are looking for leadership to show them what to do. That leadership must be thoroughly integrated with the masses and must rely on them if it is to be successful. As Chairman Mao Tsetung says:- "However active the leading group may be, its activity will amount to nothing effort by a handful of people unless combined with the activity of the masses. On the other hand, if the masses alone are active without a strong leading group to organise their activity properly, such activity cannot be sustained for long, or carried forward in the right direction, or raised to a high level."

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HOW CAN WE TELL ? THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE CRITERION, NAMELY  
WHETHER OR NOT HE IS WILLING TO INTEGRATE HIMSELF WITH THE  
MASSES OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS AND DOES SO IN PRACTICE.

This is a quotation from

## THE ORIENTATION OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT

by MAO TSETUNG

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# students and peoples rights members form I.R.Y.

Last October the Necessity for Change Progressive Books and Periodicals bookshop was opened in 143 Townsend street by the Irish Internationalists Marxist-Leninist Youth and Students movement, to make revolutionary literature easily and cheaply available to the people.

The bookshop soon attracted lots of young workers and students, schoolboys and girls as well as older workers. They came to the bookshop because they were looking for an alternative to the lousy imperialist way of life, an alternative which the already existing revisionist movements had not managed to provide. Most young people came to the shop not just to buy books but because there was a revolutionary atmosphere there where the people were always keen to discuss problems and hear peoples opinions on them.

Peoples Rights Committee was formed when the book shop in November last was attacked viciously by the bourgeois press who were screaming for it to be removed. Peoples Rights understood that this sort of fascism that the press was trying to promote was not an isolated thing, but in fact was part and parcel of the system of government where the people do not have the right to solve their basic problems. PRC worked in the Townsend Street area investigating the conditions of the people and the precise way in which the imperialist system exploited them, and promoted discussion on how to solve these problems. All the young people participated in this, learning enthusiastically from the masses and at the same time joining in study groups, for example on housing and Trade Unions, run by the Necessity for Change

Institute of Ideological Studies. They did this in order to understand and investigate the relationships between the different problems and how they were all determined by the economic and political system of imperialism.

In June this year the young workers in the PRC got together to see how they could use their experience in the PRC best in order to further the struggle against imperialism on a national scale. For this purpose, IRISH REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH was formed, to work in the communities and factories and take a stand against all the different forms of oppression through which imperialism shows itself around us.

The development of IRY is part of the development of a new form of political struggle here in Ireland which has been developing for the last four years, and which has been led by the Internationalists. The reason it is a new form of struggle is because the methods of organising are based on the principle of the Mass Line . . . . that is, quite simply, that rather than mouthing phrases of revolutionary ideology, such as "The problem is imperialism" or "We need a working-class party", IRY applies the principle that revolutionary struggles are meaningless without mass participation, and will come to nothing. Unless ideas are developed with and grasped by the masses of people, and used by them to fight imperialist exploitation, then they are useless and cannot help to develop a strong resilient force against imperialism.

## RESOLUTION OF IRISH REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH

### RECOGNISING -

THAT the main enemy of the Irish people is US and British led imperialism and its Irish agents, who are selling out the interests of the Irish people in order to preserve their own

THAT to wage the struggle against imperialism it is necessary to develop mass political consciousness, because it is only when the masses are fully conscious of the need for change that history can go forward

THAT imperialist culture, which is increasingly dominant in Ireland, is created by and serves to maintain the imperialist system, and is therefore in direct opposition to the real needs of the Irish people

THAT in order to develop the correct method of organising, all genuine revolutionaries and revolutionary movements must struggle for their ideas in public, and fearlessly test them in practice. They must oppose all liberal-bourgeois trends, such as refusing to initiate public ideological struggle, taking stands on single issues but refusing to take a stand on the main problem facing society, deriving analyses purely from books and not participating in the day-to-day struggles of the people

THAT the test of a revolutionary is whether he is willing to integrate himself with the broad masses and does so in practice. In order to defeat imperialism it is necessary to unite with all such revolutionary individuals and organisations. The line which denies this and either refuses to unite or forms unprincipled alliances with people purely because of their background or nationality must be considered counter-revolutionary

THAT Chairman Mao Tsetung provides a clear explanation of the mass line, upon which we base our organisation: "To link oneself with the masses, one must act in accordance with the needs and wishes of the masses. All work done for the masses must start from their needs and not from the desire of any individual, however well-intentioned. It often happens that objectively the masses need a certain change, but subjectively they are not conscious of the need, not yet willing or determined to make the change. In such cases, we should wait patiently. We should not make the change until, through our work, most of the masses have become conscious of the need and are willing and determined to carry it out. Otherwise we shall isolate ourselves from the masses. Unless they are conscious and willing, any kind of work that requires their participation will turn out to be a mere formality and will fail. . . . There are two principles here - one is the actual needs of the masses rather than what we fancy they need, and the other is the wishes of the masses, who must make up their own minds instead of our making up their minds for them." (Quotations from Chairman Mao Tsetung p. 124). This is in direct opposition to the expert line, where ideas do not come from the masses and do not reflect the needs of the masses.

WITH THESE PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE US THE IRISH REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH WILL

FORM a national anti-imperialist youth organisation

ORGANISE detachments of youth to go amongst the people and organise in the community and places of work, humbly and patiently to learn from the people, and stand up for their interests.

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 ORGANISE mass-democratic anti-imperialist struggles, which is to organise on the basis of the needs of the people in order to combat the effects of the reactionary politics and culture and raise political consciousness, thereby simultaneously developing the new revolutionary politics and the new revolutionary culture and mobilising the people to fight their main enemy, US and British imperialism.

ORGANISE a regular newspaper to propagate our ideas and further develop mass political consciousness.

DOWN WITH US AND BRITISH IMPERIALISM !

MASS LINE IN MASS STRUGGLE !

DOWN WITH ALL FORMS OF ELITISM AND LIBERAL BOURGEOIS REACTION !

THE WORKING CLASS MUST EXERCISE LEADERSHIP IN EVERYTHING !



... as you can see, the PUBLIC is pressing for tougher labour legislation.

# GARDAI ATTACK I.R.Y. MEMBERS

On Saturday the 26th of July, members of IRY went to see the film "Che" at the Capitol cinema in O'Connell Street. Later after the show, a large crowd gathered around a man picketing the film with a placard denouncing Mao Tsetung, Ho Chi Minh and others. This man refused to justify these reactionary ideas when challenged on them, but instead ran off to picket somewhere else. Groups of people then started to discuss this and their own political ideas.

After this had been going on peacefully for some time, one of our members went over to the reactionary with the placard and again asked him to justify what he had written. He also pointed out that his statements could not have been investigated and thus could only be nonsense, and that talking nonsense solves no problems and only confuses the people. The reactionary still could not justify it and started screaming threats at the member in order to hide the fact. He then ran over to two Gardai nearby and was followed by the I. R. Y. member.

These two puppets of the ruling class (i. e. foreign monopoly capitalists and their agents in Ireland), whose duties consist of preserving the status quo for their bosses by any methods they can, listened to the reactionary complaining about the progressive stand of the I. R. Y. members. The reactionary then went happily back to his picketing. At this stage another I. R. Y. member joined in the discussion. One of the Gardai (C 57) told both members to move, but when he was asked to give a reason why they should move, this fascist thug showed his true colours and viciously threw both of them across the foot-path. When one of the members objected to this treatment, this so called "guardian of the people" replied, not by explaining but by viciously kicking him several times in the back. The other Garda then moved towards the other member in a threatening manner and he had to retreat. A fight at this point would not have helped the people to understand the situation so instead he approached some people who were talking down the street and explained what had happened. The people were extremely

militant, and wanted to take immediate action against the police. They discussed all sorts of things and were very interested in what the I. R. Y. member had to say. They agreed that people should have the right to discuss their ideas in public without being beaten up by fascists. They also agreed that a small deputation should go to Store Street Garda Station and denounce this vicious act perpetrated by the ruling class through it's puppet police force, and to lodge a complaint. When they went into the Garda Station and told the desk sergeant what had happened, he slanderously and in a quite uninvestigated way suggested they were drunk. But when they invited him to prove his theory by taking blood tests or by any other means, he had to back down. At first he seemed unwilling even to take the names and addresses of the people who were attacked but after some prompting he eventually did so, along with those of two of the witnesses. He then muttered something about having a word with the Gardai involved, and he would then decide on what action to take, and simply walked off as a sign that the interview was over.

This is the attitude that the present ruling class is trying to develop in its police force, arrogance towards the people, disinterest in the peoples' problems, but quick service to the reactionaries, like the man with the anti-communist placard.

The ruling class don't like free discussion of our ideas, that is why the man attacking communism was allowed to picket while the IRY members were stopped from putting forward their ideas, and why the desk sergeant tried to ride roughshod.

But it is clear that the resistance to the ruling classes is coming from all directions. On the one hand, as the incident outside the Che film showed, the people are extremely antagonistic to suppressors of discussion and will take strong action to defend their rights. On the other hand, within the Gardai there is a growing antagonism towards the strong discipline and anti-people activities which the Gardai are being ordered to carry out, as is shown by the recent taking of sick leave. The two IRY members quick decision to go to people, to openly discuss with them and wage mass democratic struggle to win their support shows the new way in which the anti-imperialist struggle is developing.

## belfast workers fight fascism

On August 14th last, at approximately midnight, the police Sterling sub-machine guns and revolvers, backed up by armoured cars with mounted sten guns, opened fire on a crowd of several hundred people in Falls Road, Belfast.

5 people including a nine year old boy sitting in his kitchen, were shot dead there and then. About 45 were injured.

No amount of lies and distortions by the imperialist press can hide the fact that this was what actually happened. The United Kingdom must be one of the few states in the world where it is possible for the police to machine-gun a crowd in the street and then for the newspapers to seriously argue that this did not happen. In spite of the systematic lies and distortions of the 'Belfast Telegraph' and the 'Newsletter', these events have been an eye-opener to the Irish and English people about the real nature of the oppression in the six counties.

Like the rest of Ireland, Ulster is dominated by imperialism. The industries are owned by British and American monopolies and are not run in the people's interest. In addition, 'Ulster' is still a direct British colony, and as a result the people are subjected to greater political repression than in the South. The political machinery is in the hands of the Orange Order, an alliance between big imperialists and corrupt local politicians, which denies simple democratic rights to the people, and through it's - the 'Belfast Telegraph' and the 'Newsletter' - spreads fascist ideas and practices to hold back the people's struggle.

The events which led up to the attacks on Falls Road and other areas in Belfast were part of a campaign by the rulers of the six counties to attack opposition movements and create communal disorder. In the short term they have achieved their aim - putting the six counties under direct military rule. In the long term they have infuriated the people so that it will not be possible for them to go on denying democratic rights and keeping an iron grip on the government as they have done for the past 50 years.

On August 2nd the Orange Order held a parade through the centre of Belfast. A rumour was started that it had been attacked from some corporation flats in Unity Walk, and a crowd of hooligans gathered outside them, trying to provoke the occupants. This malicious rumour was taken up by the Belfast Telegraph in its afternoon edition, claiming that the flats were "Catholic". The crowd gathered and stones were thrown through windows of the flats. Small numbers of police stood by and watched. Then a force of riot police appeared. Did they break up the crowd of hooligans? No, they led a baton charge into the courtyard of the flats, with the Paisleyites following behind them, arresting 17 people, including an old man whom they mercilessly struck down. The RUC then ran round the galleries of the flats, beating on the doors and trying to terrorise the inhabitants.

The newspapers later agreed that the march had not been attacked from the flats. They also printed stories that Protestant families were thinking of moving out of the flats, which contradicted their claims that this block was "Catholic".

On August 12th a parade was held in Derry, a commemoration of the English colonisation of the city 300 years ago.

This parade aroused the indignation of the majority of the people: it is an opportunity for the businessmen to march around the streets in their bowler hats and for religious fascists from all over Northern Ireland to come to the city and create trouble.

The people living in Bogside barricaded themselves in their district, and a large number of them went to the head of Wellington Street, which leads out of Bogside, to demonstrate against the parade. They were determined not to let the police or Paisleyite hooligans enter their area and cause trouble. The police have several times attacked people in Bogside: they are very much afraid of them, so they come in with large numbers in the middle of the night, run up and down the streets breaking windows, and drag people from their houses and beat them up. When this happened last January, there was such an outcry that the government was forced to start a phoney "commission of enquiry" carried out by an RUC inspector. The "commission of enquiry" never published its results, and no action was taken after it. The people were therefore convinced that it was just a whitewashing affair, and that the RUC were acting under orders. They have good reason for keeping them out of their area.

Unlike the Paisleyite demonstrations, which the police carefully guard, this demonstration was barricaded into Wellington Street and riot police brought out in armoured tenders. The people quite justifiably threw bricks at them. Then the police charged the crowd, and started a battle which lasted for several days. At about 7.30 pm, after two and a half hours of fierce fighting, the police managed to break into Bogside. They drove around in land rovers and armoured tenders, trying to run people down and breaking up the crowds. They were followed by a gang of Paisleyite thugs, who started breaking windows and attacking houses. Several hundred police advanced on about 100 yards, and then the whole lot were driven back by the infuriated people. The next time the police mounted an attack, they used tear gas; but they just met with greater resistance.

On the side of the people far from claims by the 'Newsletter' and the 'Belfast Telegraph' that the whole affair was an IRA plot, it was quite clear that they were unorganised, improvising weapons to beat the police as things went on.

The next day, people in the Falls Road area of Belfast decided to draw police forces away from Derry by stoning the Hastings Street RUC station. The British army was called into Derry and Bogside turned into a barbed wire encampment. On the night of the 14th the RUC in Belfast were much better prepared. At 11.00 pm they had armoured cars and men with loaded machine guns outside Hastings Street police station. The "B Specials" distributed guns to Paisleyite thugs on Shankhill Road, which runs parallel to Falls Road. At about midnight they attacked down Divis Street, into Falls Road, and started shooting, burning and looting houses in the area of the police station. Again the people were very unprepared, but barricaded up the side streets. Armoured cars drove around the area picking out people with their searchlights and opening fire on them. It was only then the people brought up two light machine guns and set them up on Falls Road to prevent the police advancing any further. This was the only thing that pre-

vented a much more serious massacre. It was an extremely heroic act by local men, carried out in defense of their community against a fascist attack.

The next day a number of people were killed and more injured by sniper fire from factories on the Northern side of Falls Road. To prevent the situation developing into an armed uprising against these atrocities, the government called in the British Army, and soldiers surrounded Falls with barbed wire, putting a check on everybody going in or out.

The "Newsletter" and the "Belfast Telegraph" reported these events in as confusing a way as possible. They reported that people had been "shot" on the Falls Road. Several days after the events they published a police statement that "investigations were still going on" into the deaths on Falls Road, which commented on the death of a man in Divis Tower, (Corporation flats near the Hastings Street police station) that there was so much indiscriminate shooting going on at that time on Thursday night that it was difficult to say how he was killed. The papers first of all reported this man's death to make it appear that he was a sniper who had been shot by the police - "a man's body was found on the top of Divis towers". They then reported that he had been killed standing on his balcony. It later turned out that he was shot by a police sten gun, fired from an armoured car, as he was trying to get other people inside. A "Newsletter" reporter and cameraman were underneath his balcony, hiding from the same burst of machine gun fire, as reported in the "Newsletter" on Friday 15th, distorted it. Furthermore there was only one armoured car driving down Divis Street at this time, so if there was any doubt that this man was shot by the police, why were ballistic tests not done on its machine gun to check if it had fired the bullet? This is normal procedure in any other murder cases. So both the police statement and the "Newsletter" reports were deliberate lies to confuse what had happened.

Then, on the following Monday (18th August), the "Newsletter" announced "There is mounting evidence of the outlawed Irish Republican Army being behind the present reign of violence and terror in Ulster", underneath a headline IRA RADIO STATION FOUND ON THE FALLS.

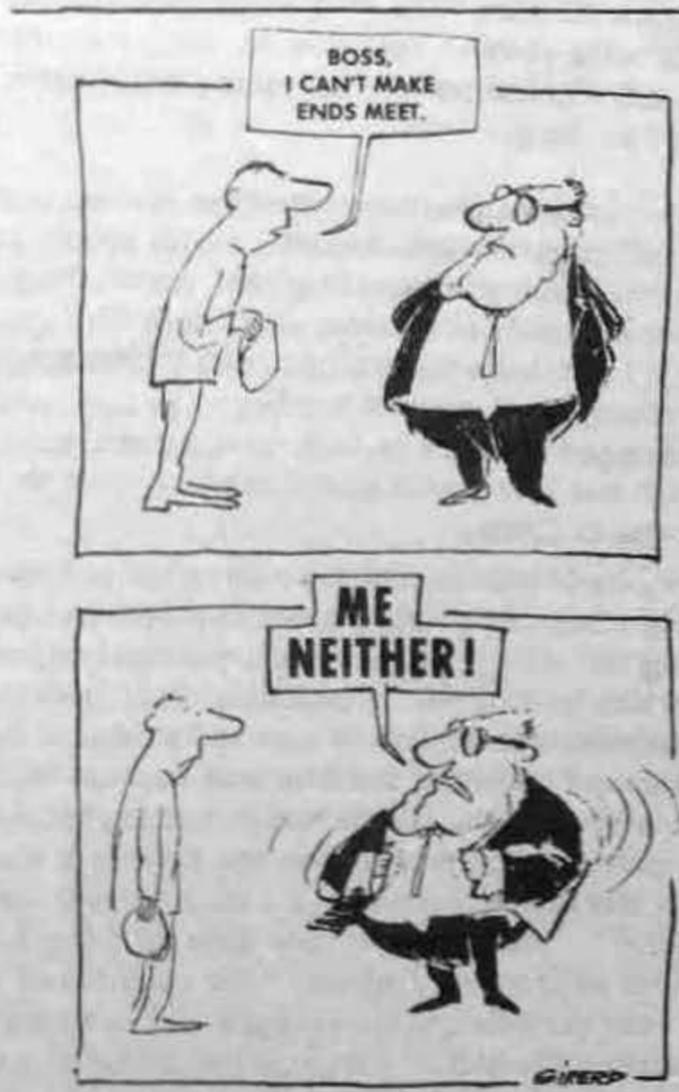
Which reign of terror and violence were they talking about? The reign of violence and terror which allows voting rights, housing and jobs to be denied to large numbers of people? The reign under which the police can terrorise innocent people in Bogside, machine gun a crowd in Falls Road on Thursday night, and then machine gun Brookfield Street in Ardoyne the next night? The reign of terror and violence which enables the "Newsletter" and the "Belfast Telegraph" to claim that the police did not shoot down people in Falls Road, and that they were not even in Brookfield Street on Friday?

No, the "Newsletter" was talking about an imaginary reign of terror, and it produced an "IRA radio station" to give some substance to its fantasies. Mr. Joseph Doyle of Conway Street just off Falls Road, then came forward pointing out that the equipment was US army surplus, bought by him in a shop, and that after it had been found by B Specials in his house on Sunday, he had told the military authorities about it, and that they had replied he was "not to worry about the matter" - i.e. before it was reported in the "Newsletter" as being an IRA radio station.

Since that report the newspapers and reactionary politicians have been using every moment to explain that the cause of the "disturbances" is an IRA plot to overthrow the Ulster Constitution. For example, on Tuesday 19th, the

Belfast Telegraph even managed to blame "IRA threats" for the fact that so many families were leaving streets north of the Falls Road!

It is clear that the Unionists are looking for excuses to tighten up and whitewash their bloodstained rule in Ulster. The only solution is the end of Partition and the destruction of British colonial rule in the six counties. In the meantime, it is urgent for people in Belfast, Derry and other cities to organise themselves to resist fascist attacks on their communities



### barricades bulletin

The following is a copy of a statement produced by the people of Bogside, for the soldiers in Derry, in their Barricades Bulletin. In very simple language it shows the stage in the development in the peoples understanding and the extent of their confusion. The statement says that the problem in the north is the police, but it doesn't recognise the role of the police as servants of the monopoly capitalists. For the same reason there is no clear idea on why the British army has been sent in force to the north. When the people stand up for their rights again they will learn a bit more about the army for it will be amongst those putting them down. The statement shows the need for leadership to work with the people and to help them to further understand the nature of British imperialism and the foul trickery used to get its army into the north.

"We wish to make you welcome to Derry. You probably know about what has been happening here. For the past ten months there have been riots between the people of our area and the police. The troops were called in and things got to such a state that the British Government decided to take a hand.

"We never wanted to fight the police, or to fight anyone but they made us do it. We set out to protest against what was being done to our area and our people by the Unionist Government.

## student movement pickets film

The Irish Student Movement supported by Irish Revolutionary Youth is picketing the Capitol cinema in Prince Street where the film "The Most Dangerous Man in the World" is being shown. This film is anti-communist and slanders the Chinese people and their great leader Chairman Mao Tse Tung.

Both revolutionary movements have always based their ideas on investigation and discussion with people and each evening since Friday, when the picket began, they have distributed hundreds of statements to both film-goers and passers-by. Mass discussion has been taking place outside the cinema and a great number of people present have condemned the film as U.S. propaganda and a distortion of the truth and have participated in discussion on what really happens in China.

A few people present however were not interested in discussing ideas and actually tried to stop other people from doing so. For instance one expensively dressed man said that he thought the picketing was 'juvenile'. One of the picketers replied to him and said that the reason why she was picketing the film was because she was interested in serving the people and in making Ireland a better country. For this reason she thought it was necessary to investigate seriously all the different societies in the world and to see if they have anything to contribute towards improving Ireland. She considered this activity very serious and not juvenile and challenged the man to explain himself. The man had nothing to say to the picket and went away without defending himself.

The full text of the statement produced by the Irish Student Movement is printed below.

"The Most Dangerous Man in the World" is an anti-communist film which both slanders the Chinese people and Chairman Mao. In the past the old arguments against China were that millions of people were starving under Communism. The press used to say that Communism wasn't the solution to China's problems and that it failed to stop the famine in China and couldn't better the existence of the Chinese peasant. Now it's different, nobody can deny that the Chinese people aren't starving and that China has made great strides industrially. The main argument that is put forward now is that there is no freedom of thought in China, that although the worker makes enough money to feed himself, his freedom is restricted and that he can't 'get on' in life. The argument that most illustrates this is the one which says that the Chinese people are afraid to criticise Mao and Communism and that there is a reign of terror in China in which people have no choice but to accept Communism. The lack of freedom was one of the main things that the film portrayed as a place where children were indoctrinated and where Red Guards terrorised the people into accepting Communism. The West was realistically portrayed as a place where there was starvation, corruption, and a decadent culture as shown instance by the night clubs in Hong Kong, but at least it was preferable because you had the freedom to think and to criticise.

The film put forward the idea that politics and Communism were not relevant to workers and peasants as shown by a scene

where Red Guards were seen obviously forcing the peasants in the fields to accept Mao's thought. But as one worker said as he was coming out of the film, "You can't afford to ignore politics, because it determines your existence and your bread and butter". Politics in this society either serves the interests of the working class or it serves the interests of capitalism. The politics and ideology of this society are against the interests of the working class. The ideology of this society puts forward the idea that society can't change. How often have you heard it said that "the working class is content with it's lot" or that "the working class is too ignorant for change to be brought about" or simply that "the forces opposing you are too strong and that it is impossible to change the world". The ideology of this society tries to maintain the status quo. Chichester-Clark said in a television interview that he hoped that the rioting in the North would stop so that the north could return to it's former prosperity. But in the North like anywhere else this means continuing exploitation for the working class. It serves the interests of the capitalist class to maintain the status quo because this means they can further exploit the working class. The film also said that the world can't change because it is said that although things are bad in the West, the alternative Communism is worse and that we must leave it up to individuals like Gregory Peck to solve problems like starvation in the world.

Chairman Mao once said "Marxism consists of thousands of truths, but they all boil down to the one sentence, it is right to rebel." This slogan serves the interests of the working class because it is in their interest to rebel and to change society. The Chinese people under the leadership of the Chinese Communist party struggled for over twenty years against foreign domination and later they struggled to increase agricultural production and to turn China into an industrial country. Chinese society is continually changing and this change serves the interests of the Chinese people. In China the people have the freedom to change their existence, which under capitalism no worker has. Under capitalism the majority of workers are exploited all their lives although the press does it's utmost to persuade people that "the individual can get on in life if he really works." Mao has continually shown the way forward to the Chinese people and his writings have continually shown the way forward to the Chinese people. That's why the Chinese people aren't indoctrinated with some abstract ideology but Mao's writings help them and the people of the world in their struggle to liberate themselves and to change their present conditions.

LONG LIVE MARXISM LENINISM MAO TSE TUNG THOUGHT.

LONG LIVE CHAIRMAN MAO, THE LENIN OF OUR ERA!



"OUR MINDS ARE MADE UP... DON'T BOTHER TO CONFUSE US WITH FACTS...!"

# APOLLO II - PROP FOR U.S. IMPERIALISM

During the past month the newspapers in Ireland have carried out a long-drawn-out coverage of the American effort to land men on the moon. They have heaped much praise and acclaim on the "technological know-how" of the Americans and the "bravery" of the astronauts. But let us look at the justifications given by them for the entire moon program. Is the landing of men on the moon really "a great leap forward for mankind"? Is it really because of "man's nature being to explore new worlds" that the program has been developed? And is it really, as a letter-writer to the Evening Press said, "the greatest event in history since the death of Jesus Christ"?

If we examine the development of the space program in greater depth, we see that it has fulfilled two main roles, the first as an attempt to cure economic problems in the U.S. and the second as propaganda for the image of the U.S. and its policies around the world.

Let us investigate the role of the space program in the U.S. economic system. The profits made every year by the huge monopoly capitalist companies (e.g. Standard Oil, General Motors) from their interests all over the world run into billions of dollars. (These profits are made at a cost of great suffering and misery to people of Latin America, Asia, Africa and all exploited countries including America itself. The constant problem facing the big companies is to find new markets in order to continue expansion and to maintain investment. If new markets are not found then there is over-production, the market becomes saturated and demand for products falls off. In these circumstances the greedy capitalist attempts to cut his losses by withdrawing capital and cutting production. This leads to unemployment, less spending, less production and a depression. Since big monopoly companies began to appear in the U.S. around the end of the last century, the threat of depression has constantly hung over the capitalist system there. It has been staved off only by two world wars and such industries as the motor-car industry and more recently by the huge spending on arms and the Korean and Vietnam wars. The contracts which the big companies get from the government in times of war, for arms etc. are a quick means of restoring production and increasing profits.

Since the Korean war the threat of depression has grown worse. In trying to solve this problem, the monopoly capitalists have sought new things to invest in. One result has been the rise of advertising and consumer industries. Billions of dollars are spent trying to lure people into buying things they don't really need, thus creating false markets for goods which do not fulfill the real needs of society. Examples of this are the huge sale of cosmetics and of useless gadgets such as electric toothbrushes. Cars are built to last only a few years so frequent buying is encouraged, and flashy appearance is emphasised while safety factors are neglected.

That is one way the monopolies have tried to prevent depression. Other new ways were sought by John F. Kennedy when president. He increased government spending on nuclear armaments and introduced the space program. This meant huge contracts for the monopolies such as U.S. Steel, Bell Telephone Co., I.B.M. He also saw the value of publishing the space effort in order to divert attention from the policies of the U.S.

which were causing so much unrest around the world. This the space program has been a means used by the monopoly capitalists to try to avoid the ever-growing contradictions in their economic system. It is only one of a whole host of items of needless spending, of production not for the real needs of society, but purely for the profits of big business. Anyone who doubts this should look at the U.S. government's own figures for poverty and illiteracy, slums and crime etc., which show that the real needs of the people are being neglected because they aren't profitable things to invest in. For instance nearly one third of the American workers now depend for their jobs on the armaments industry, producing to keep up the oppression of the ordinary people at home and abroad, while there are continual outcries for more spending on city planning, welfare, prevention of pollution etc.

These facts make nonsense of the praise given to the moon landing. Far from being a response to a noble urge to explore the universe, it was part of an attempt by big business to find a way out of its difficulties. It was also an attempt to put on a good face in front of the world's people, who are growing more and more angry with the oppression caused by the world-wide imperialist policies of big business.

The propaganda value is being increased by drawing the whole thing out, e.g. opening the packages of moon rocks over a two week period, keeping the men in quarantine and the like. The timing of Nixon's world tour was no coincidence either i.e. just after the moon landing, and he tried to use the prestige of the achievement as propaganda in countries such as Thailand and India, where armed struggle has already broken out against U.S. Imperialism.

One attempt to criticise the whole thing has been made by people who say that, "they should spend the money on the starving millions." These people are aware of the waste involved and how there is far more need to solve man's problems here on earth than to venture into space. But from what has been pointed out above about the U.S. economic system, it is clear that it is impossible for the U.S. ruling class to simply donate money to cure the world's poverty. They will not be charitable in that way, and neither will they give up their economic interests in the nations of Africa, Asia Latin America or stop supporting the brutal reactionary governments in these places. The only way the working and oppressed peoples will solve their problems is by taking up the initiative themselves and waging a peoples struggle against their oppressors. The result of such a struggle will be a real leap forward for all mankind right here on earth, and will mean the elimination of exploitation of man by man.

We in Ireland, who see the country being sold out more and more to foreign business interests (e.g. the supermarkets, E.L. at Shannon, the American takeover of our two largest dairies), should combat all ideas which seek to justify the gimmicks of American imperialism and organise to fight against it.

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Special issue to commemorate last years invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet modern revisionists. The issue deals with and exposes the nature and practice of modern revisionism.

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# EDITORIAL

We have called our paper RED PATRIOT because we think that this title very clearly states two of the most important aspects of the Irish peoples struggle. We call it PATRIOT because our first task is to unite the people of Ireland against foreign big business which is exploiting most of our people, and we call it RED because we recognise that the people who are going to lead the struggle are the working class.

Most people recognise that the big foreign business firms are the main problem in Ireland. These firms come to Ireland at the begging of the government simply to make profits. They leave Ireland the minute their profits fall, and they treat the Irish people like dirt. For instance in the E.I. dispute, this huge American monopoly refused to recognise the workers most basic right to organise and to form a union to protect their own interests. E.I. arrogantly closed their doors to the workers for months, because they had no interest in helping the workers and because the amount that they were loosing during the dispute was minute compared to the huge profits they make

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Our experience of the struggle in Ireland and from looking at the way that other countries have developed shows us that the working is the most revolutionary class. They are the most oppressed by imperialism and they are the most dependable, hard working and resolute in their opposition to imperialism. The entire history of revolution proves that without the leadership of the working class revolution fails and that with the leadership of the working class revolution triumphs. Red is the colour of the working class and this paper is written mainly by and mainly for young workers.

People say that red means that we are communist. Our movement is anti-imperialist, and what this means is explained in our resolution which is reprinted in this paper. Our movement provides the opportunity for young people to take an active roll in the society and to try to improve it. WE are enthusiastic to work with anyone who is genuinely interested in 'seeking truth to serve people'. Since our movement has been formed it has consisted mainly of young workers, not all of whom are

communists, and also of office workers and revolutionary professional people. We openly acknowledge that the Internationalists marxist-leninist youth and student movement has and is providing us with clear and scientific guidance in our work.

Red Patriot is produced by the Irish Revolutionary Youth and represents the ideas worked out by the members through participation in mass struggle. We put forward our ideas for discussion, not for the sake of proving that we are right. If anyone, who is interested in serving people has any disagreement, or contribution to make, which will allow us to organise better to change this society into a better place for the majority of our people, we would be very glad to hear from them.....

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"Maybe they didn't tell you that the male unemployment rate in this city is 18 per cent, and that in Catholic working-class areas it can go as high as 30 per cent. Imagine if that was the situation in your home town. Wouldn't you protest? Wouldn't you go on to the streets and demand that something was done about it?"

"That's what we did and the Government sent the R. U. C. to beat us off the streets. They beat women and children, they beat an innocent man in his house to death on April 19th. last, they smashed the windows of our homes and shouted through the holes in the glass about what they would do if we came out.

"So we fought them. We make no bones about it. We would fight them again if they came into our area to do the same thing. That is what it has all been about. We have no quarrel with any of you. We hope you are happy here.

"We hope you will not be asked to come into our area. Because you know and we know that you will not stay here forever. And if the area is taken from us and you go away the R. U. C. will come back.

"That is why we have to defend our area against everyone until big changes take place. If you are asked to march into our area you are being asked to walk over us and to help beat us down again. And we are working-class people like yourselves — we ask you to refuse to do that."