

SUPPORT THE IRISH PEOPLE'S

STRUGGLE AGAINST BRITISH

IMPERIALISM

For centuries the Irish people have been fighting a national liberation struggle against the British ruling class and its state. The armed struggle presently being waged in the north eastern part of Ireland is simply the latest stage in this fight for national liberation.

BRITISH IMPERIALISM AROUND THE WORLD ...

The British state is not only oppressing people in Ireland but, both directly and indirectly, supports and upholds the oppression and exploitation of people in many parts of the world. In Azania (S. Africa) the British ruling class has vast investments and, while paying lip service to opposition to apartheid, does everything it can to make sure that the Azanian people will remain in bondage to international capital. In the Persian Gulf British warships are part of the imperialist armada sent to intimidate the oppressed peoples of the countries of that region. The same imperialist aggressors who stirred up the Iraqi regime to attack Iran now have the affrontery to pose as "peacemakers": The real architects of reactionary Islamic fundamentalism are not feudal ayatollahs but the imperialist powers, especially British imperialism, who during the last century or so have plundered and murdered the peoples of the Middle East countries. Another jewel in the crown of British imperialism is the crushing of the Tamil Tigers by the Indian Army who have benefited from training given by the Special Air Service, the same bunch of murderous scum who form the assassination squads hunting down and killing Republicans in Northern Ireland today.

... AND IN BRITAIN

Here in Britain the same imperialist state oppresses the working class. Ever more restrictive anti-trade union laws are passed to stop workers defending their wages and working conditions, social security benefits for the unemployed are cut, racist immigration laws and police harassment are directed at black people, preparations continue for an all-out imperialist war. It is clear that the great majority of people in Britain, the working class, face the same enemy as do the Irish people; the British capitalist ruling class and its state. Not only should we support the Republican movement in Ireland because their struggle for Irish unity and self-determination is just but also because we share the same enemy. In so far as the Irish people weaken and defeat British imperialism this helps the working class in Britain. Similarly in so far as the working class in Britain undermines their own masters this assists people struggling against them in other parts of the world. Only if workers and other oppressed people stand firmly together will the imperialist powers be overthrown.



ENNISKILLEN

The capitalist media in Britain have done their utmost to seize upon the Enniskillen bombing as a way of undermining sympathy and support for the Republican movement among people in Britain. We should not allow ourselves to be misled and intimidated by the imperialists' lie machine. The IRA have accepted responsibility for this incident and admit that it did not reach its intended objective, the armed forces of the British state. However the anger and anguish displayed by the Tory and Labour politicians is completely phoney and hypocritical. They are members and supporters of a capitalist class responsible for the deaths of millions of innocent people in many parts of the world. Just one of many examples is that in World War Two this class launched an aerial terror bombing offensive on Germany that deliberately killed hundreds of thousands of civilians. In Ireland in recent years British forces have tortured prisoners, shot down civilians on peaceful marches (e.g. Bloody Sunday), killed people, including children, with plastic bullets, sent out SAS assassination squads as well as letting off bombs in Dublin. Of course British imperialism is opposed to violence, the just violence of those who dare to rise up against its oppression. The imperialists' own violence, both abroad and at home, is glorified in Remembrance Day parades where they hypocritically commemorate the dead workers they have conned into fighting their masters' imperialist wars. Workers in Britain should not be swerved by this incident in supporting the just national liberation struggle of the Irish people as presently led by the IRA.

INTERNATIONALISM

The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought, supports the struggles of workers and other oppressed people in all parts of the world. In some countries, such as Peru and Iran, our comrades already are waging the armed struggle against various imperialist powers and their local agents. In other countries we look forward to and work for the day when open revolutionary struggle at the highest level commences. The experience of struggle of workers and other oppressed people this century shows that only if the oppressed and exploited of all countries stand together can the imperialists be defeated. It is in your interests and is your duty to support the Irish national liberation struggle.

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