

Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front

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A year of progress for the INLSF

prepare for intensified class struggle NOW!

get organized NOW!

On Saturday 27th September, 1969, the Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front was formed at a conference in London. It was founded to serve the masses of the Irish people exploited and viciously oppressed by British imperialism operating through its machinery of direct colonial rule at Stormont and indirect neo-colonial rule in Dublin. The INLSF was formed in the absence of any principled anti-British imperialist broad front existing in Britain. There existed no organization understanding that national liberation, the total destruction of the rule of British imperialism is the major task now facing the Irish people under the leadership of the working class on the road to the building of a united socialist republic, a people's republic of Ireland with the common ownership of the means of production, control and exchange, the land, industry, capital and technology vested in the hands of the dictatorship of the Irish working class.

The INLSF came into being to fill this gap here in Britain; as its name implies as an organization to build up solidarity, to educate, agitate and organize the working class to take the side of the Irish people against British imperialist domination of their country. Moreover, the INLSF has as one of its main jobs the need to point out clearly that the defeat of British rule in Ireland is in the direct class interest of every worker in Britain as it would deal a hammer blow to the bosses' class here and would weaken its power to exploit and oppress every worker in this country. A blow struck against imperialism anywhere in the world is a blow of support for the struggle of Irish and British workers. Hence the INLSF has at the core of its work international working class solidarity. The INLSF proudly bears the banner "workers and oppressed peoples of all countries unite!"

THE INLSF SERVES THE PEOPLE
The INLSF is a working class revolutionary organization. The members are almost all workers. Its politics are the politics of the working class, and it serves the working class. It serves the great fight



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of the Irish people. It recognises that fight to be complimentary to the fight of the British working class. It wholeheartedly and in a revolutionary way hates the state machinery of British imperialist oppression and exploitation; police, Special branch, courts, prisons and aggressor army. It wholeheartedly loves the people, the working masses. The INLSF is thus of the people, integrated with the people, and takes unwaveringly the stand of the people. It can be no other way for the INLSF fully recognises that the masses are the real heroes, the liberators of nations, the destroyers of imperialist domination, the builders of socialism. Hence the INLSF works among the masses. No matter how hard an organization works, if it is not working among the people its work will amount to nothing. Hence the INLSF concentrates its efforts within the working class.

The INLSF holds regular education and discussion meetings and classes.

Revolutionary theory and practice must go hand in hand. The organization has held many mass rallies and demonstrations during the past year, and also street meetings in the ghetto working class areas. Mass meetings are also held in the summer at Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park, a place frequented by many Irish immigrants. INLSF workers learned photography and built a photographic exhibition covering the struggle in Ireland from the peasant revolt of 1798 up to the present time. INLSF workers write, design and part-produce this newspaper, which is sold throughout London, Coventry, Birmingham and other major industrial areas in Britain, as well as in Ireland. Copies also go to several other countries. None of the capitalist distributors will handle the paper, and thus INLSF workers also have to sell it in addition to their other work.

The INLSF has taken a leading stand in exposing the phoney organizations operating in this country, which seek to sow confusion on the Irish question.

POLICE INTIMIDATION FAILS MISERABLY

Frequently the police, or the pigs as more and more workers are coming to call them, have attempted to intimidate INLSF workers. They failed miserably in the past and a similar fate is assured them in the future. Members and supporters of the organization have waged a consistent and principled tit for tat struggle against the pigs and the courts, and have let these lackeys know that they are in essence paper tigers and that they will not prevent workers from getting on with the job of defending the peoples' rights.

At the last conference of the INLSF in September 1970 it was fully acknowledged that the work must be stepped up in the service of the working class. The guiding slogan of "GO DEEPER INTO THE RANKS OF THE MASSES-HAVE FAITH IN THE MASSES-DOUBLE THE EFFORT AND DOUBLE THE RESULTS-STRIVE HARDER STILL TO FIGHT SELF AND

WIN THE BRITISH WORKING CLASS TO TAKE THE CORRECT AND HEROIC STAND OF THE MASSES OF THE IRISH PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST GROWING FASCISM, FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AND THE RE-UNIFICATION OF THEIR MOTHERLAND, AND FOR THE BUILDING OF A SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF IRELAND! HAIL THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF BRITISH IMPERIALIST RULE IN IRELAND-EXPOSE RUTHLESSLY THE REVISIONISTS AND TROTSKYITE OPPORTUNISTS! SHOW BOUNDLESS HATE FOR THE CLASS ENEMY. SHOW BOUNDLESS LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THE WORKING MASSES OF IRELAND, BRITAIN AND THE WHOLE WORLD!" is the fighting, living spirit which drives the INLSF forward. The INLSF has been directly involved in the struggle against racism, religious bigotry and reactionary nationalism—all weapons of the ruling class, employed to divide workers and divert their attention from their real common enemy.

THE INLSF IS THE VANGUARD ORGANIZATION IN BRITAIN

Currently the INLSF is alone in Britain organizing a serious campaign for the immediate and unconditional release of all Irish political prisoners held in ruling class jails throughout Britain and Ireland (see the past two issues of this paper for details). Moreover, the INLSF is working closely with the family of Stephen McCarthy, the 19-year-old youth who was murdered by the pigs during November last (see the last issue of this paper for details).

GET ORGANIZED NOW!

The INLSF is a strong and growing organization because it serves the people. It serves the people because its politics are the scientific politics of Marxism-Leninism applied to the concrete problems of the people. It is a democratic, disciplined and hardworking organization. It is precisely the type of serious organization that has for so long been needed in Britain; the type of organization that the British ruling class hates to see emerging. These bosses love to see the working class divided and disorganized. What is good for them is bad for us—the people. The needs of Irish and British workers are very great at this time. Therefore the INLSF says this to all serious people: **PREPARE FOR STRUGGLE! GET ORGANIZED NOW! JOIN THE IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION SOLIDARITY FRONT NOW!**