

The Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

British Troops Out of Ireland

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In Northern Ireland today British troops in their thousands are rampaging through workers' homes and shooting men dead in the streets.

They are there because last year saw a massive movement of protest against conditions created by British rule in Northern Ireland. The British employing class, which for generations has profited from exploitation of workers in the great industries of Ulster, such as textiles and shipbuilding, relied on its loyal Stormont stooges to keep Northern Ireland quiet and the profits rolling in. But Stormont failed to do its job. With the rundown of traditional industries, unemployment rocketed to 20% in some places and people began to rebel.

Stormont reacted with a vicious campaign of repression using CS gas and the notorious "B Specials". But the people fought back until last August the entire edifice of British rule in Northern Ireland was near collapse. Then the British bosses, through their "labour" Government, sent in the troops. They said they sent them in "to keep the peace": in fact they sent them in to keep their profits.

IRELAND FIGHTS FOR JUST DEMANDS

Northern Ireland today is in a state of siege, a British army of occupation holding back a militant and rebellious population. The Irish demand: British troops out! Ireland one nation! The land that was divided by Britain 50 years ago shall be re-united by the Irish people themselves. Inevitably a People's Army will be formed.

ENEMY FOSTERS RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS

Experiences in combat is teaching them the need for a united struggle to expel the invader. Divisions, whether based on religion (as in Northern Ireland) or race (as In Guyana) or nationality (as in Cyprus), have been carefully fostered by the British bosses to serve their interests of exploitation and aggression. The protestant Paisley and the catholic Pope, the Orange Order and the Ancient Order of Hibernians – these are bit part players in Ireland's drama and must not divert attention for the real villain, the British ruling class, or the real hero, the Irish people.

Irish workers have a great history of united struggle at the point of production against the boss. That struggle is now confronting the biggest boss of all – British imperialism. The Communist party of

Britain (Marxist-Leninist) is convinced that the liberation of Ireland will only be achieved by a united movement based on the working class. For the final success that must be led by a genuine communist party fired with the Marxist outlook of James Connolly, Ireland's greatest patriot and deepest thinker, who was murdered by the British government in 1916.

FULL SUPPORT FOR IRISH LIBERATION FIGHTERS

We call on British workers to give solid support to the struggle of the Irish people for a united Ireland and an end of British rule. Their employers are our employers, their enemies our enemies, their struggle our struggle. The class which sends the Army against Irish workers today will send it against British workers tomorrow. We salute the heroism of our Irish class brothers in resisting that Army and we join them in their battle cry:

British Troops Out Now!

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