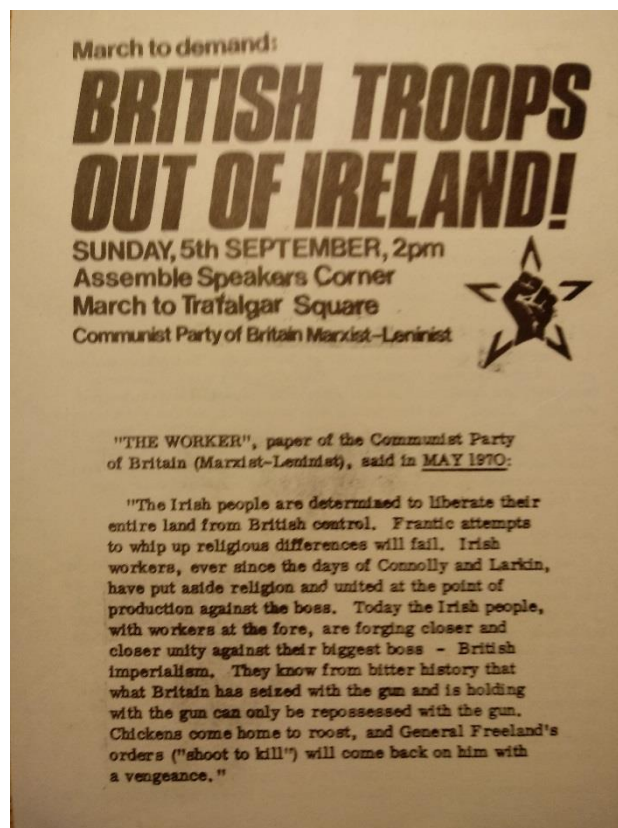

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For two years our Party has demanded the immediate withdrawal of all British troops from Ireland. For two years we were a lone voice in Britain. Today the truth of that call is evident to all. As James Connolly, the great Irish Marxist, taught: there can be no advance for the Irish working class without the final expulsion of British imperialism from Irish soil.

CAPITALISM KILLS ITS OWN

British capitalism rushes headlong to destruction, killing on its way the great industries of Aircraft and Shipbuilding, creating deserts of unemployment (one million predicted by Christmas), and now in Ireland shooting the very workers it would exploit.

REPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE

Workers learn the lesson and continue the struggle. In Britain industrial pressure over the years forced capitalism to drop its mask of bourgeois democracy and reveal its fascist essence with a law which says industrial struggle is illegal. Far from ending their struggle it provides a challenge to the ingenuity and inventiveness of workers. Result: a U.C.S. In Ireland a similar process. Unrest in 1969 means that Stormont steps back and the Army steps in. Workers resist and internment is declared. Result: the movement broadens, deepens and a toll begins to be taken of the foreign troops.

IRELAND – BRITAIN'S VIETNAM

Let no-one be deceived by the Labour Party careerists who curry favour by condemning "Tory policy" on Ireland. Why didn't they raise their voices two years ago when their Party sent in the troops? Tory policy in Ireland, as in all other fields, is but a continuation of Labour Party policy. Ireland is British capitalism's Vietnam; you can't blame Vietnam on Nixon and let Johnson and Kennedy off the hook.

In the name of the British Working Class we denounce the mercenaries now shooting down the Irish workers and we denounce the politicians who sent them. We say: They are all accomplices in the murder of the Irish people - the heirs of Cromwell and the Black and Tans.

ALL BRITISH TROOPS OUT NOW!

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