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The smashing of the van. On 18th September, 1867, Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien, members of the Fenian movement, rescued two of their incarcerated comrades, Deasy and

Kelly, from the prison van in which they were being transported from Belle Vue jail to Borrough jail. Deasy and Kelly both got clear away.



Irish political prisoners imprisoned in Stafford jail, in this country, for their participation in the rising in Ireland in 1916. Of 3,500 arrested, 2,500,

including 80 women, were kidnapped and transported to Britain. As a result of the pressure of public opinion they were all released by December, 1916.



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Throughout Britain, Ireland and the world,
let the call ring out —

FREE THE IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW!

CONTENTS:

British troop atrocities/Free the prisoners campaign/Frank Keane letter/Mary McGonigle case/Connolly song/No internments/P.D. programme/Ireland-Britain-World struggles/and more....

Several Irishmen remain political prisoners in jails up and down Britain. These men do not all subscribe to socialist patriotism. Nevertheless, they are patriots who recognise that the root cause of the exploitation, oppression and degradation of the people of Ireland lies in the fact that Ireland remains a colony of British rule. More than this, they are men who have combined their love of liberation and their hatred of imperialist domination with direct action of one type or another.

Socialist revolutionaries must not merely support all demands for an end of the incarceration of these men, they must lead the campaign for their immediate and unconditional release.

MEN OF NO CRIME

As the Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front (INLSF) has consistently pointed out, these men have committed no real crime. This must be clearly understood. According to the statute book of the British imperialist ruling class, these men are criminals, even though some of them have not yet even been tried! But in fact it is just this ruling class that is the real criminal. For centuries this class of industrialists, financiers, commerce bosses and absentee landowners has lived comfortably from plundering the working people of Ireland. The muscle of their robber clutches has always been and remains the British aggressor army, supported by the

Stormont and Dublin lackey regimes. It is this class with its terror machine of murder, C.S. killer gas, looting, snatch squads, water cannon, rubber bullets, truncheons, armoured cars, curfews, police brutality, courts, prisons, the threat of internment without trial, unemployment, slums, and poverty that is the real criminal, not the men who now lie in small concrete cells, in some instances for twenty-three out of twenty four hours, with the light switched on all night and all day.

These men of no crime face a new year with a blank agenda. The only hope they have, apart from the courage their beliefs give them, is that a mighty campaign be launched to secure their immediate and unconditional release. They have every right to expect those on the outside to organize such a campaign. Every man, woman and child must stand up and be counted. Their fight is our fight and all those who do nothing side with the jailer. And that is all that is to it. In particular there is a binding responsibility on all workers in this country to mobilize in solidarity with the Irish political prisoners. The workers of Britain and Ireland are exploited by the same ruling class, which through its ownership of the basic means of production in both countries sucks profits from the labour power of both. Moreover, if the new Industrial Relations Bill becomes law, then many a British

worker will join the Irish political prisoners inside when they commit the "crime" of going on strike in defence of their living conditions and hard-won democratic and trade union rights.

SPARK TO LIGHT A PRAIRIE FIRE

There are those with weak knees who argue pathetically that "there's nothing we can do". This is not so. Recently six Basques had their lives saved by the pressure of working class action across the world coupled with agitation within Spain. And remember, one of the prisoners in Britain, Frank Keane, already stands in the shadow of the Dublin hangman. A massive campaign, with the lead coming from British workers in the country where these Irish patriots are incarcerated, could be the spark to light a prairie fire of protest here, in Ireland and throughout the world. It can be done. It must be done. In order that this campaign can immediately get off the ground right at the beginning of the year the INLSF is having printed several thousand stickers (details of which appear in this issue) taking up the demand for the freeing of these men. These must be employed in every city and town across Britain. This first step will create a climate of sympathy, the basis on which a widespread, militant campaign can be constructed. This first step must then be followed by the organisation of

demonstrations, pickets and public meetings. These plans the INLSF already has in hand. A carefully planned campaign aimed at mobilising the British working class into an escalating torrent of agitation is clearly what is required. This must be the year of freedom for the Irish political prisoners.

IRELAND - BRITISH IMPERIALISM'S OLDEST POLITICAL PRISONER

No British prison should hold a single Irish patriotic revolutionary. No prison in Ireland, north or south, operated by the stooge Dublin and Stormont cliques, has the right to hold a single Irish patriotic revolutionary. It is the real criminals, the bosses, the industrialists, the bankers, together with their leading political henchmen, such as Heath and Wilson, Lynch and Chichester-Clarke, who should—and one day will—be imprisoned for their crimes against the workers of Ireland and Britain. It should be constantly born in mind that until Britain's oldest political prisoner—Ireland—is liberated, there will be no end to the acts of violence being committed against the people of Ireland. And liberation from the rule of British imperialism means the acceptance in theory and the application in practice of the truth that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.

From a cell in Brixton prison Frank Keane wishes INLSF every success

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope—

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A Chance

Many thanks to one and all in I.N.L.S.F. for your fraternal greetings at times in return may I wish the I.N.L.S.F. every success. I am sure this will be and all the more so provided everybody remembers that at all times right is right.

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Frank Keane

The Prisoners

All have pleaded not guilty. Apart from Keane and Roche, all charges have involved arms. British and Irish special branch pigs have been active in all cases. In the case of Smullen and Doherty the chief state prosecution witness was an arms dealer who acted as an agent of the special branch and concealed recording equipment on his person to trap them. In the case of Lynch and O'Sullivan the special branch pointed them both out as being guilty to the key witness, a night-watchman of an arms factory, before the trial commenced. Defence council got the night-watchman to admit this during the trial.

Frank Keane is charged with the murder of a police officer in the southern part of Ireland. In fact, the Dublin regime want him because he has been politically involved for some time, and hope to use the murder charge to hang him.

Frank Roche is charged with the detonation of C.S. gas grenades in the House of Commons, down among a collection of parliamentary prostitutes, the very same ones that shipped C.S. gas to Ireland telling the world it was "harmless".

All cases are completely political. Other men in addition to those above are incarcerated awaiting trial. These include Brendan McGill and others arrested with him. This case also involves charges concerning weapons. Other men have recently been

sentenced to terms of imprisonment, but the facts in these particular cases are somewhat incomplete. Any information concerning any of those charged, sentenced, or not mentioned in this list should be forwarded to the editor so that their cases may be given publicity in the campaign.

LIST OF PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

1. EAMON SMULLEN (8 YEARS) GARTREE PRISON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
2. GERRY DOHERTY (4 YEARS) WAKEFIELD PRISON, YORKSHIRE.
3. CONOR LYNCH (7 YEARS) WAKEFIELD PRISON, YORKSHIRE.
4. PAT O'SULLIVAN (7 YEARS) WORMWOOD SCRUBS PRISON, LONDON.
5. RICHARD McLAVERTY (5 YEARS) WINSON GREEN PRISON, BIRMINGHAM.
6. ALEX McLAVERTY (5 YEARS) WINSON GREEN PRISON, BIRMINGHAM.
7. BARRY BRUTON (4 YEARS) WINSON GREEN PRISON, BIRMINGHAM.
8. ALAN McILVEEN (3 YEARS) WINSON GREEN PRISON, BIRMINGHAM.
9. FRANK KEANE (REMANDED IN CUSTODY) BRIXTON PRISON, LONDON.
10. FRANK ROCHE (REMANDED IN CUSTODY) BRIXTON PRISON, LONDON.

The Struggle in Ireland

Summary of month



WORKERS' CHILDREN MUST STAY AT HOME

One result of the increased bus-fares in Belfast is, as stated by welfare officers in the city, is that many working class families are being forced to stop their children from going to school. They simply cannot afford the fares. Simultaneously, six members of the fascist R.U.C. were recently awarded £800 between them as "compensation" for "injuries" incurred during the course of duty. They got this bonus from judge Brown for protecting scab labour that the bosses had brought in to break the recent cement strike. The six, in fact, had all been involved in assaulting supporters of the strike. Workers' children are punished whilst fascists are rewarded from workers rates and taxes.

AGGRESSORS GASSED

In Belfast on Christmas eve British aggressor troops were given a taste of their own medicine when militant youths attacked them in Springfield Road with missiles, including a gas grenade. The aggressors, taken completely by surprise, were rendered helpless. Having achieved their objective, the youths disappeared into the night.

OPPRESSOR AND OPPRESSED

Statistics published at the end of December reveal the massive profits resulting from the exploitation of Irish workers in Ireland. The following companies, whose shares are quoted on the Dublin Stock Exchange, wrenched the following amounts of money on average from each of their workers during 1970: (1) R.&H. Hall £6302 (2) P.J. Carroll £2390 (3) Lyons Irish Holding £2207 (4) United Distillers £1542 (5) Irish Oil and Cake Mills £1478. For Carroll, 1969 witnessed an absolute profit rise of £415,000 over the previous year. Hot on its profiteering heels was United Distillers with a rise of £402,000. A further measure of the pickings to be made by British imperialism in its Irish colony can be gained by comparing the rate of return on capital employed by the Irish subsidiary with rate of return on capital employed by the British imperialist parent company in Britain. Carroll's return of 23.1% is to be compared with British American Tobacco's 23.2%, Imperial Tobacco's 11.2%, Gallagher's 15.9% and Carreras 20.1%. United Distillers' 19% is 2% higher than Distillers, the parent company. Lyons Irish Holdings with its 24% return is to be compared with its British parent, J. Lyons, which records a return of 8.4%. Also, another company, Concrete Products of Ireland is much more profitable than its parent, Marley—a return of 23.1% compared with 12.6%. In 1969 employment, which had remained virtually static between 1966 and 68, rose by 7%. Profits, however, in 1969 rose by a massive 34%.

Enough said in reply to those who argue that "Ireland is subsidised and only kept going at all by Britain". Ireland is a colony of British imperialism for all the talk of "independence" in the south and the "benefits" of direct colonial rule in the north. Thus, until the day of Irish national liberation dawns, the relationship between Britain and Ireland will remain the relationship between oppressor and oppressed.

SOUTHERN MILITANCY INTENSIFIES

According to statistics released recently by the International Labour office, strikes (measured in terms of days lost through industrial disputes per 1,000 persons employed) in the southern part of Ireland rate third in the world table for 1969. Despite the fact that most of the disputes concerned revolved around purely economic demands for better wages and conditions, it cannot be denied that the statistics represent an objective measure of an intensifying class struggle in southern Ireland. The three world strike leaders were Italy, with a figure of 4110; Canada with 2550; and Ireland with 2170 days.

TROOPS TERRORISE CHILDREN

Recently British aggressor troops entered a school in occupied Ireland and searched children and their teachers. The search lasted for most of the day as the soldiers proceeded from classroom to classroom.



DUBLIN REGIME COMMITS GRAVE CRIME

For several weeks a Dublin youth, Martin Dolphin, has been incarcerated in the Central Mental Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Dundrum. The youth was transported to Dundrum on October 17th last by order of O'Malley, fascist Minister of Justice. Prior to this date he had been imprisoned in Mountjoy prison where he had been serving a seven day sentence for "contempt of court".

Of course, there is nothing insane about Martin Dolphin. He is in prison for his his political beliefs. He has stated openly that he is a revolutionary. Specifically he is incarcerated and officially described as a "criminal lunatic" because on September 29th last, he and another person demonstrated at the Belfield campus of University College, Dublin, against leading lackey of British imperialism, de Valera.

The fascist district justice, Justice O'Hudagh, revealed his true ugly features in the Dublin courts on October 15th, when in reply to the anti-imperialist statements of the defendants (two were on trial) he said that they "should have their heads examined" before they appeared before him again. Dolphin has been criminally incarcerated at Dundrum where the largest single group of patients is that of those convicted of murder. He has been refused permission to see a lawyer.

This fascist tactic is nothing new. Fearing exposure, reactionary regimes, such as those in U.S., Spain, and the Soviet Union, frequently resort to putting their political opponents into mental institutions.

BELFAST WORKERS' RENTS UP

The reactionary Belfast Corporation has arbitrarily intensified the exploitation of more than eight thousand of the city's council tenants by imposing rent increases of up to 7/6 per week from January 1st. Moreover, it is being rumoured that a further increase in rent may occur in April, which is the beginning of the next financial year. Most of the monies from Belfast workers' rents goes directly to pay off interest debts to British imperialist banks, which find investment in the need for shelter to be a very lucrative market for their massive funds.

M.P.S. GET 25% RISE—WORKERS GET LOCKED OUT

Whilst the electricity workers in Belfast and elsewhere were locked out and thrown into the dole queues as a result of having correctly agitated for higher wages, the Stormont regime announced a tax free £500 increase for all M.P.s. This represents an increase in real terms of 25%. This loyalty bribe of these parliamentary pimps stands out in sharp contrast to the fact that the locked out electricity workers were refused unemployment benefit as a further punishment for having made their demands.

IMPORTANT IMPORT

75% of all Irish medical students leave Ireland annually to take up positions in Britain.

SOLDIERS BRUTALIZE THE PEOPLE

Residents of Unity Flats, Belfast, were exonerated at the end of November from blame by the Shankill People's Tribunal, which had investigated the riots between Peter's hill and Snugville street on September 26th. The people of the Shankill had organised their own tribunal in reply to Stormont's refusal to investigate. Following are some of the facts contained in the Tribunal's report.

The Tribunal, after full investigation found, contrary to propaganda dished out by the Stormont fascists and British Army authorities, that the riot was the result not of sectarian religious clashes between Catholic and Protestant workers, but of "the unwarranted" and "indiscriminate" bating of innocent people doing their shopping" by British Troops.

The aggressor troops committed many atrocities against the people who were simply dragged out of the crowd and brutally assaulted. A young man named Carlisle was dragged away and kicked. Carlisle is a deaf mute. He was charged with disorderly behaviour. This was later withdrawn.

A woman suffering from angina, who was accompanied by her daughter who suffered from epilepsy, was grabbed by one military policeman, and another military policeman began kicking her. "She was knocked down and took a heart attack and became unconscious." This woman, Mrs. McLean, produced photographs for the Tribunal which showed clearly extensive injuries to her arms and legs.

"Her daughter was pregnant and within six weeks of confinement. The military police beat up and arrested both sons. They tried to arrest the daughter and dragged her along."

"She took an epileptic fit and was left lying on the road. The ambulance arrived and the daughter was removed. On the following Tuesday she gave premature birth to her baby."



Witnesses testified to the driving of Landrovers and Jeeps into the people.

Once again it is clearly substantiated that British aggressor soldiers are the enemies of all workers in the northern part of Ireland, regardless of whether they are Protestants, Catholics or non-believers.

STUDENTS PROTEST AGAINST ARMY VISIT

The following protest letter was signed by twenty one of a class of twenty four students of form 5 2A Saint Coleman's College, Newry, and handed to the president of their college last month. The protest was provoked by a visit of a Lt. Stevens of the British aggressor armed forces to their college in order to obtain recruits for the "professionals". It is particularly important to note the non-sectarian policy of the catholic signatories who without hesitation condemned the brutalities perpetrated by British aggressor troops against the largely protestant working class population of the Shankill:

"We the undersigned, believing that we speak on behalf of a large section of the student body of this school, wish to make our protest against this attempt to turn part of our school

time into a foreign army indoctrination course. We feel that this visit by a British Lieutenant is an insult to Irish youth who still remember the recent fate of Danny O'Hagan and others. (Ed. Danny O'Hagan was a young man murdered by aggressor soldiers a few months ago).

We still remember the brutality shown by the professional British terrorists in such areas as the Shankill, the Falls and Ardoyne. We have no intention of aiding the British Army to 'dominate' any section of the Irish people—'dominate' was the word used by Ian Freeland the other evening. We will not have domination or indoctrination by the British Army of occupation to this college."

CLASS STRUGGLE INSIDE CRUMLIN

With a large intake of political prisoners, Crumlin prison in Belfast is currently a huge, repressive container of an intensifying class struggle which is raging within its walls. During recent months there have been at least three strikes by prisoners over clothing, food and a phoney propaganda statement issued by the prison chaplains, aimed at giving the impression that all is well inside. The contrary, however is true, and repression in the form of warders assaulting prisoners has become the order of the day.

Gerry Loughlin was beaten up on 22nd December by two warders whose names are Madden and Hutton. On 15th December John McDonagh, a first "offender", number 2882, was brutalized by two warders whose names are McFarland and Young. McFarland runs around boasting of how he was present at the last hanging that took place in Crumlin. Many political prisoners are constantly threatened with assault.

When 300 prisoners refused to eat an evening meal of one pint of tea, one tiny cube of cheese, a spoon of jam and a bit of margerine and bread, because it was totally inadequate for the work they were being forced to do, eleven of their number were singled out and sentenced to twenty-two days in solitary confinement with loss of "privileges" such as papers, tobacco, visits and letters.

They were also denied recreation other than one ten minute period per day.

Quite clearly, the class struggle is mounting inside and outside the jails of the fascist northern junta. And nothing can stop it.

MASS MEDIA CENSORSHIP

Leading reactionary, Stratton Mills, Unionist M.P. for North Belfast, has asked Maudling, Home Secretary in the Conservative government to censor T.V. and radio news reporting of demonstrations. He wants to see the U.S. policy of "selective" showing of demonstrations and mass rallies because he fears that to show too many of them at the wrong time might "... make serious disturbances worse." He specifically refers to striking pickets. If adopted, his proposals would seriously escalate ruling class tampering with the news angle of the media propaganda service, though it is to be wondered if things could get more distorted than at present.

ONASSIS MOVES HIS PAWNS

Arch Greek fascist, Aristotele Onassis, just can't wait to get his hands on the whole of the Harland and Wolff's shipyard and the 9,000 workers employed in them. Despite statements aimed at giving the impression that the yards are no longer a going investment, Onassis, working in league with trade union misleaders, his pawns for the moment, is reported to be stomping the lush carpets of his London hotel angry that his offer has not yet been accepted. Why is he so eager to take on what is regularly described as a "bad business"? The truth is, of course, that Onassis knows that with the active aid and experience of the Stormont junta coupled with repression methods learnt from attacking the Greek working class, he can and will turn the present bad situation into an excellent one... at huge long term expense to the shipyard workers.

The Struggle in Britain

Summary of month

IRISH NATIONAL MINORITY UNDER NEW ATTACK

Irish workers wanting to come to Britain will be subjected to vicious control in terms of the new Immigration Control Bill, which the government, on behalf of the ruling class, intends to pass. Irish workers will be forced to register at police stations and submit a yearly application to stay in Britain. Black workers will also be subjected to the above repression and more. The new Bill is a major part of the ruling class offensive against national minorities in Britain, mainly black and Irish workers. Other plans provide for coloured tags to be attached to the insurance cards of all immigrant workers in order that they can be easily identified and singled out for ammunition in the ruling class strategy of "divide and rule".

PAPER TIGER GROWLS

Murderer Heath recently issued a threat to the Irish working class that "tougher measures" would be used against them to counter their increased militancy.

RACISM

Mr. Amarjit Shah has been refused membership of the East Ham South Conservative Club because he is black, and the Club member who proposed him has been expelled. The ruling class message gets across loud and clear: Mr. Shah (who has been a Party worker for three years) like all Unclue Toms, is there to be used but never to be accepted as an equal.

FASCIST ANTI-WORKING CLASS LAW

The government in its Industrial Relations Bill, a blueprint for fascism, will introduce fines of £100,000 for unions and un-limited fines for "unofficial" strikers. As explained recently in the "Press" (see Editorial No. 6 Vol. 1) the bill, if it becomes law, will provide specifically for the imprisonment of workers who go on strike, including imprisonment for non-payment of fines. The working class must organise to smash the Bill and with it the ruling class that has given birth to it.



Right: British troops in London attempting to break the dustmen's strike (unsuccessfully). How long before they are

PIGS FOR MORALITY

Under the joint leadership of the Chief Constable of Lancashire and the Bishop of Blackburn, there took place on January 2nd a "march for morality". Women were ordered not to attend.

MORE PIG BRUTALITY

After a demonstration in London in early December in support of workers struggling in Canada, several people were arrested and brutally beaten by the pigs. One girl had some ribs broken whilst another was stripped naked and a truncheon was put down her throat to get information out of her.

POWER WORKERS' STRUGGLE

The power man's work to rule blacked out most of Britain in support of their justified claim for a 25% wage increase. The workers were tricked into returning to normal work by the setting up of an "impartial" court of inquiry. However, nothing under capitalism can be impartial (see "Facts" column). The national capitalist gutter press frantically tried to move public opinion against the power workers and applauded when some were physically attacked by fascists. These pedlars of verbal garbage cheer whenever violence is used against struggling workers, but denounce its use by workers in struggle.

In the last three years productivity in the power supply industry has shot up by a massive 20%, whereas the labour force during the same period has been considerably reduced. But the ruling class, currently represented by the Tory government, refuses to give adequate pay rises, thus forcing workers to resort to militant action.

POISON FISH SOLD

The Ministry of Agriculture has given permission to shops in this country to sell tins of tuna containing dangerously high quantities of mercury. Tuna, having a relatively low price when compared with, say, salmon is thus purchased in large quantities by workers' families.



being used openly to try and crush worker's struggles here, as in Ireland (left)?

HOUSEWIVES MARCH

On January 3rd 150 Portsmouth housewives took to the streets in a militant demonstration against rising prices.

COMMON MARKET ENTRY

The proposal by the British ruling class to enter the Common Market—the European rich man's club—will cost the working class £480,000,000 per year in increased existence costs.

GLASGOW FOOTBALL DISASTER

Sixty-six people are dead as a result of the disaster at the Glasgow football match. Predictably enough the deaths occurred in the section of the ground occupied by low income workers. The question must be put: how come such accidents never occur in the 2-5 guinea seats? The answer is, of course that money purchases safety, like other commodities in capitalist society.

LILLIAN BOARD

Lillian Board, the accomplished athlete, has died from cancer. All will agree this is a great tragedy. The point must be made, however, that the life of every single worker is as valuable as that of those who make the lime-light. More valuable in most cases. And yet thousands of workers die every year from cancer with little publicity and no chance at all of special attention in Swiss clinics. Only with the advent of the socialist revolution can society get its priorities right as far as the working class is concerned.

MORE TABS ON MILITANTS

Labour exchanges are to keep secret

files on workers who are "political activists".

DE-NATIONALISATION

The ruling class is planning to de-nationalise those industries which make a profit. These plans will include the handing over to private monopoly capitalists of Cook's Travel Agents and parts of B.O.A.C. and B.E.A.

BARCLAYS AND SOUTH AFRICA

Barclays Bank now owns half of all banks in South Africa thus making massive profits from the fascist exploitation of millions of black workers.

PRISON REPRESSION

Literally thousands of people are imprisoned for several weeks, several months in many cases, while awaiting trial. Many are refused bail for political reasons because the pigs have either objected to bail being granted or to the sureties. Although technically innocent most are locked up for twenty three hours a day and a considerable number are being held in solitary confinement. Repression against black workers in prison is particularly severe and racist brutalities are common.

TELEPHONE TAPPING—SECRET TRIBUNAL

The ruling class, in keeping with all its other repressive policies has decided to extradite Rudi Dutschke. Dutschke, a petit-bourgeois student intellectual radical, has advocated many incorrect policies. However, his right to live in Britain must be defended. During the secret tribunal which has recently arrived at its extradition decision, it was revealed that his phone was tapped and he was followed by Special Branch agents. It is now common practice in "democratic" Britain for militant workers and students to be subjected to McCarthy-type fascist witch-hunting.

MASSIVE REDUNDANCIES PLANNED

Redundancies in Britain in 1970 were 40% higher than in 1969. According to the Financial Times more than 250,000 workers were made redundant in 1970. The 2,500 redundancies announced recently by Hawker-Siddeley will set the pattern for 1971. British Leyland's Austin-Morris division, Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, British Steel Corporation and other monopoly capitalist firms all have in hand plans for implementing large-scale redundancies during 1971. Millions are to be put on the dole queues because of the anarchy inherent in the capitalist system of production. And all this amidst intense social deprivation for tens of millions of British workers and their families.

WORKING CLASS MILITANCY

For the first time since 1926 more than ten million working days were lost last year to the capitalist class through strikes. This figure indicates that working class militancy is fast spreading.

ENOUGH TO FIGHT WITH

The British Trades Union movement currently has assets of over £133,000,000.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

The British ambassador to Uruguay, Geoffrey Jackson, has been taken into custody by a Uruguayan national liberation organisation.

Instantaneously the imperialist gutter press in this country has used adjectives such as "terrorists", "kidnappers", "hijackers" etc., to describe those who have carried out this action. Whatever the end result may turn out to be, and whatever the specific motives of those involved are, it is once again extremely illuminating to see such words employed by the gutter press against people whose desire is the freedom of their country.

In reality, of course, the real terrorists, kidnappers and hijackers are the Heaths and Wilsons, the Johnsons and Nixons, who have in the service of their imperialist masters carried out the terrorisation, the kidnapping and the hijacking of nation after nation and people after people across the globe, including Uruguay, the northern part of Ireland, Palestine, Vietnam etc. etc.

ANGLO-U.S. "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP"

Heath, one of Europe's leading stooges of U.S. imperialism, was in December sent for by his master, arch-war

criminal Nixon, so that the two could discuss plans for "strengthening the "special relationship" that has existed for several decades between these master and flunkey U.S.-U.K. ruling classes.

NIGHT CLEANERS VICTIMIZED

Ten night cleaners working in a Board of Trade building in London were sacked in December for belonging to a trade union. Night cleaners, mostly women, are subjected to gross overworking in government offices and elsewhere and are considered easy meat for sacking.

PENSIONERS DIE OF COLD AND HUNGER

This winter, as in the past, thousands of old age pensioners will die in this country because their income is inadequate to provide them with even the basic requirements of staying alive. After a worker is thrown onto the economic scrap heap, the ruling class couldn't give a damn when he dies from cold or hunger.

WHO GOES TO UNIVERSITY?

In British universities only one student in four has a father who is a manual worker. The vast majority of students are recruited from families with high incomes, i.e. petit bourgeois and big bourgeois families. In class divided Britain, education like everything else is geared to suit the class interest of the rich exploiters, owners of the factories, banks and land. The worker and his family is always discriminated against.

FRANK ROCHE/EGAN TRIAL

The Trial of Frank Roche and Bowes Egan will commence at the Old Bailey on Monday, 8th February. They are charged in connection with the detonation of C.S. gas in the Commons several months ago. Frank Roche, described as an "Irish labourer" by the capitalist press, has remained in Brixton prison since the incident. Egan was granted bail when certain influential and wealthy persons, including Michael Foot, Labour Party opportunist, came forward to be of help to him.

MISS DEVLIN'S CONTEMPT

Miss Devlin, who was to attend a meeting organised by the Dagenham Branch of the opportunist International Socialism Group, on Monday 4th January, failed to turn up. This is not the first time that this tactic has been used as a cheap publicity stunt. During the summer term at the University of Kent, at a Palestinian Solidarity Campaign rally in May last, at a so-called Irish solidarity rally, and on many other occasions she has allowed her name to be publicised as a speaker, when clearly she had no intention of turning up. All that can be said in positive terms is that at least her non-appearances have prevented her putting across her phoney politics of reformism (see "Press" Nos. 4 and 7, Vol. 1).

IRISH CLUB FORUM FOR APOLOGISTS

Leading apologists of British imperialist rule in Ireland, Gerald Fitt, Patrick Devlin and Austin Curry were given a hostile reception by people at the Irish Club when they spoke there on the 2nd December. All three speakers attacked the heroic people of the northern part of Ireland for actively opposing British aggressor troops, and defended the right of the British imperialist parliament to legislate for Ireland in "the interest of the Irish people".

FREE THE IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW!

Thousands of stickers with this demand on them and photographs of some of the Irish political prisoners at present incarcerated in jails in Britain are being printed by the Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front. Support the INLSF campaign for the freeing of these and all other Irish patriots! Order your stickers now! Send £1 for five hundred, 10/- for two hundred and fifty, and so on to the editorial address. Let's cover Britain and Ireland with them. Let's create the climate for a massive campaign. Get organized! Now!

UNEMPLOYMENT UP

Unemployment is now over 650,000 and is all set to rise to 800,000 this year. In accordance with the rest of its anti-working class strategy it is rumoured that the government may increase taxes so as to push unemployment up to well over a million. These developments are but one measure of the deep crisis of British imperialism.

RENTS UP

During the next three years the rents for London's 250,000 council tenants will go up by 50%.

HOMELESSNESS IS GETTING WORSE

The housing situation in Britain is getting worse. Government claims of easing the acute crisis are nothing but lies. Homelessness is now two and half times what it was eight years ago. This crisis of accommodation exists side by side with the erection by monopoly capitalism of giant office blocks, such as Centre Point in London's Holborn, which often remain empty for years.

PIG BRUTALITY

A twenty three year old worker, William Watts, was fined £5 on a trumped-up assault charge last month in Nottingham. Whilst in the cell, he was beaten up by pigs who stood on his hands, thumped him, and smashed his head against a wall.

Also in Nottingham, six pigs and the city's leading prosecuting solicitor for the pigs, have all been summoned for beating up a fifty four year old worker, Stephen Sharpe, of Broxtowe.

THE CASE OF MARY MCGONIGLE

AN IRISH WOMAN IN LONDON, HER DAUGHTER, HER LIFE, THEIR HELL UNDER CAPITALISM

Mary McGonigle is an Irish immigrant. Every Irishman and woman will see a little of their own experience in what she is going through. Life is hard for her and others like her under capitalism. So hard that at times she says with no element of self-pity "I just don't know whether I can go on fighting the system for ever". The causes of her plight extend far beyond Cecil House, the hostel in Holborn where

she is forced to seek shelter. Joe Lyons at the Holborn tube centre is her "sitting room", and yet she is linked to huge monopoly capitalist banks, such as the First National City Bank of New York. She hasn't got a couple of pounds to her name but her existence is entwined in the machinations of the Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. (Dublin) Ltd. Mary hates the thought of British aggressor troops occupy-

ing the northern part of Ireland, yet she is related under capitalism to the Kings Royal Rifle Corps. Much of her diet consists of biscuits and cups of tea, and yet at the same time because of the world-wide order of things under imperialism she is connected with the United Nations Food, Health and Agriculture Agencies.

On the surface there are so many contradictions, it would appear, and yet these

links in reality form a pattern. The pattern or web, that Mary McGonigle is caught up in is a web that involves all workers. The case of Mary McGonigle is the case of a woman who is being cruelly exploited, and repressed in monstrous proportions by a system based on a terrorist dictatorship of the ruling class: a dictatorship which will end only when it is smashed by the Mary McGonigles of the whole world.

"You've got to get out by ten in the morning, every morning — and on Christmas day, too — and you can't come back 'til four in the afternoon. And when you come in at four you've got to sit in a room until seven because they won't let you go to the room you sleep in 'til then." Mary McGonigle talks about the conditions operating in Cecil House, 34/35, Boswell Street, in Holborn. "You can't get your belongings from your case between Monday and Friday, only by ringing the bell and waiting in the queue at the weekend. There are about a hundred here altogether. There are three baths between us. You can bath only two nights a week. There's two sinks to wash everybody's clothes in. They give us a small drying room for our wet clothes and we dry them as best we can under the conditions. There's no privacy here. Even now and again you get your letters opened. Lots of us always have to go over to Lyons. It's our sitting room in Holborn. We sometimes spend hours there. We drink tea, though you can't keep buying it all the time. If we're not in by ten we are locked out. And if we're in by ten we're locked in. There's fleas sometimes, even though we try to keep things alright. It's just little things, like there's not much room to hang your coat and it gets buried under all the rest and then it's hard to get it. Takes time. If you're on the top floor you can't get a drink of water up there. You have to go down three flights of steps and then scoop it up in your hands. Up there, the wash house is four flights away. It's not natural. You can't get a wash when you come in from work because you can't get your towel 'til seven. When you get old, you have to eat humble pie. There's an old, scared woman who broke her legs. Sometimes people get sick, but you've still got to get out of bed by eight. If you're too ill for that, then they get an ambulance. You don't ever see them again. You ask but nobody cares. Nobody knows. You never see them again. Maybe they die. Sometimes there are accidents. Six years ago a woman died in the bath. Things always happen. I've been here for four years now. You sleep here and get out. On Christmas day we had to get out. There are eight others in the room I'm in. We don't get any food other than a cup of tea and a slice of bread and butter in the morning and we don't get that if we're a bit slow getting downstairs. It costs us seven pence. It's hard. I pay £2 0 0. a week for it. The others in my room pay the same. That's nine of us. It's hard."

IMPERIALISM AND CECIL HOUSE, HOLBORN

Among the vice-presidents of Cecil House is Lord Moyne. He is typical of the leading imperialists who have extended their empire to reach right into the decision-making machinery of deciding exactly when Mary McGonigle and the many other women concerned can get their suitcases and their towels. He is vice-chairman of Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. (Dublin) Ltd., and vice-chairman of a host of Guinness subsidiaries. He is involved at presidential level in Guinness Trust (Housing London), Irish Lights, Iveagh



Mary McGonigle

Trust (housing) Dublin, and is a governor of the National Gallery of Ireland, where the rich store their art treasures. The President is Lady Margaret Colville, whose husband, John Rupert Colville, is a director of Ottoman Bank, Nation and Grindlays Bank, Banco de Financiacion Industrial (Madrid), Financiera Espanola de inversiones (Madrid), Hill Samuel and Co., Coutts and Co., the First National City Bank of New York, the Merchant Bank of Zambia, and the BASF, U.K. Ltd. This particular "humanitarian", as he would no doubt describe himself, was also Assistant Private Secretary to Neville Chamberlain, 1939-40 and Winston Churchill, 1940-41 and from 1943-45, and to Clement Atee, 1945. He was also Private Secretary to Princess Elizabeth, 1947-49. During 1949-51 he was First Secretary to the British Embassy in Lisbon. Hence behind this "benefactor" we unearth a man who has for long been enmeshed deeply in the imperialist net-work, with direct connections in fascist Spain and Portugal, where workers are valiantly struggling against terrorist dictatorships. His wife, Lady Margaret Colville, President of Cecil Houses (there are several hostels in London) was a leading royalist flunkey; during 1946-49 she was Lady in Waiting to Princess Elizabeth.

Another leading pillar of the capitalist system is vice-president Sir Kenneth Grubb, C.M.G., LL.D. Son of a Reverend Minister, with half a page in Who's Who devoted to his church connections, he is a director of Ashmount Properties Ltd., Hooker Craigmyle and Co., Ltd., and is vice-president of the Institute of Race Relations, a ruling class body set up to institutionalise racism in Britain, not to eradicate it.

Lady Amory, related to Derek Heathcoat Amory, a Viscount, a director of many monopoly capitalist companies, including Lloyds Bank Ltd., Hudson's Bay Company, I.C.I., and John Heathcoat and Co., is another of the "guardians" of Mary McGonigle.

A listed "supporter" of Cecil Houses is the



Rich founder of Cecil House

Rev. P. B. Clayton, C.H., DD, M.C., who in the past has been Chaplain to British Petroleum Oil Co., and Tate and Lyle Ltd. Church and imperialism are, of course, old bed-fellows.

And so the list goes on, and on, and on. The army, the world organisations of imperialism are all here. In fact, Cecil House is controlled completely by monopoly capitalism.

NO WORK IN IRELAND

Mary Ellen McGonigle, now forty-seven, left Ireland in 1958. Her reason for leaving was that of Irishmen and women over the centuries: no work in an Ireland dominated by British imperialism. From Drumlea in Omagh, after a short stay working as a waitress in Belfast, Mary came to London "to look for work". Poorly paid jobs allowed only "broken down, badly furnished, badly heated rooms". No friends and lonely. The immigrant, upon arrival in the big cities of London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and Coventry, is subjected to racism and exploitation perpetrated by precisely the same British imperialist ruling class that forced him or her to leave family, friends and home, in a jobless Ireland.

In 1962 Mary became pregnant. She has a lovely daughter, Margaret. Margaret's father was black. Mary McGonigle is not a slut. She works hard, loves Margaret very much, and wishes they could live together as mother and daughter. The separation is ironical. Mother and daughter are lonely, yet for the past seven years they have been forced to live apart, because of a lack of suitable accommodation. They were together for a while and the council demolished the house in which they lodged. Margaret went to live in with the nuns. Several local authorities have lobbied her off with excuses instead of a roof for her. She was taken off the housing list at Bidborough House, Camben Borough, because she left Cecil House to stay with friends in another area of London for ten days. "When they took my baby away I went round for ages trying to fill the gap it

left" says Mary MARY MCGONIGLE — DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Now at forty-seven, Mary is visibly strained. She worries constantly about the present and the future. Her nerves are on edge. She is ashamed of her appearance, though in reality she keeps herself clean and takes care of herself as best she can whilst earning only £2 0 0. per day doing washing up in the kitchens of the Fleet Street imperialist newspapers, which daily run articles attacking the working class, of which Mary is very conscious that she is a part.

The constant struggle against the agencies of the system has brought Mary into contact with the police, though she is not a criminal in any sense of the word. When she went to Holborn police station to make a legitimate complaint in the hope that the police would help her she was told "If you don't get out, we'll throw you out". She sees that the police here are no different to the fascist R.U.C. or the Gardai in southern Ireland. "They don't help ordinary people. They're there for the rich, to protect people like them, not us."

"The nuns are not in a position to fight this thing. They pray for me. What we want is a home for the two of us. I don't waste my money, the bit I get. There's no drink or cigarettes with me. But the system always seems to keep us working people under its heel."

The only way that Mary and Margaret can spend the night together (Cecil House regulations forbid children) is to get bed and breakfast somewhere. They normally go to a place in Denbeigh Street, Victoria. It costs £2 10 0 per night, that is seven shillings more than she earns for eight hours work. A few weeks ago, on Christmas day, in fact, she and her daughter ate "soup and cake". "My heart is breaking. I feel besieged. All kinds of rats keep exploiting us. I'm frightened they will take my baby away completely. That's why I'm gone grey."

JOE MCKELVEY'S RELATION

"The father of Joe McKelvey (Ed. a famous Irish patriot) was a brother of my mother's father", says Mary proudly. On the 8th December, 1922 Joe McKelvey, Liam Mellows, Dick Barrett and Rory O'Connor were murdered by a British imperialist firing squad. Now, decades later, British imperialism is slowly trying to murder by other methods Mary McGonigle and millions like her.

However, all this matters not a toss to the crew of imperialist do-gooders who manage Cecil House. No doubt donating large sums from the money they have stolen from the peoples of the various colonies and fascist countries in which they operate. The bank balance of Cecil Houses, according to the balance sheet up to 1969, stands at £364,066. Not bad from "helping people". Mary McGonigle understands one thing very well after years of struggle. "We've got to get together us people. We've got to get organized. We can do it. Then they would not be so strong. We are strong really. I'm a socialist. I really believe the only way is to smash this lousy system. We've just got to make a revolution. Otherwise there never will be any hope for the likes of us."

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There must be at least one or two people you know in Britain or in Ireland who would like a copy of the Irish Liberation Press. Why not buy them a copy and send it to them?

Pigs attack Black workers

On the evening of Sunday 10th January a towering crime was perpetrated against the members and supporters of the Black Unity and Freedom Party. This latest racist atrocity occurred only minutes after members of the BUF had left Lewisham Hospital after visiting several black workers who are victims of a bombing raid at a dance a few nights earlier. The BUF is investigating this bombing incident. Outside the Hospital several thugs, one of them with a knife, attempted to incite BUF people. Two pigs who were nearby saw what was going on and despite this made no effort to apprehend the thugs. Instead, upon BUF people commencing their bus journey, the pigs stopped the bus, commandeered it and drove the comrades the Lewisham Police Station, where, it is alleged, the pigs brutally assaulted these black workers. Five pigs tried to ram the head of one of the black workers through a pane of glass and when the comrade concerned, in order to defend his face, put his hand out in front of him, resulting in the break of the pane of glass, the fascist pigs charged him with damaging police property. Eleven BUF people were finally charged and forced to appear in court the following morning. The BUF organised a fifty strong picket outside the court. This militant stand is a signal for the future mass campaign of the Party. The BUF recognise that the fascist police are merely lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet. The BUF are determined to ensure through an organised campaign that the rock is aimed with the right force in the right direction at the right time. ■

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In view of the fascist attack launched by the pigs against the members and supporters of the Black Unity and Freedom Party, which is in essence an attack against the whole working class; and with the ruling class having launched a slander campaign against workers regarding the bombing incident at Carr's residential home, these issues are being taken up here, albeit briefly, and the article on the programme of the Peoples Democracy organization is being left over until the next number of the "Press". ■

Carr bombing— new fascist move?

Two bombs have been thrown at the home property of Carr, Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, and architect of the fascist Industrial Relations Bill, which provides for the fining and imprisonment of workers in Britain who go on strike. Clearly, the detonation of these bombs is an anti-working class act. It is the capitalist system, not one of its lackeys, that has to be destroyed through revolution so that the new socialist society can be constructed. The bombings provide the ruling class with anti-revolutionary ammunition. Already—in the absence of logic and facts—the workers who demonstrated against the new fascist Bill have been pointed out as the perpetrators of the act. Already, Feather has used the bombings to viciously attack the revolutionary rank and file who are the backbone of both the growing militancy of the British working class movement and the mass exposure of rotten sell-out scabs, such as Feather. Workers who fight fascist developments are being labelled as "terrorists" and "thugs". Everything fits in too nicely for the bosses, who are frantically using the bombings to get sympathy for their fascist legislation. From the standpoint of logic everything points to the fact that the fascists themselves exploded the bombs, motivated as Hitler was when he burnt down the Reichstag building in order to provide himself with an excuse to round up and crush revolutionary forces. British monopoly capitalism is in a state of deep crisis. We can expect more bombings, more slanders against the growing forces of revolution in this country. We must be extremely vigilant. We will win. There is no force mightier than a politically conscious working class. ■

More Prisoners

Brixton Prison, London:

Seamus Monaghan
Thomas O'Donnell
Joseph McBrien
James George
Seamus McGonigle
D. O'Shea

Facts and Figures: How the bosses' class robs you

This is a regular "Press" feature which provides facts and figures on how the bosses class robs you.

One law for the ruling class, another law for the working class.

Whilst workers and their families come under vicious attack when they struggle for better wages and conditions, the bosses class is certainly taking care of its own. Below, the "Press" prints a table exposing that twenty-three chairmen of a variety of monopoly capitalist firms have recently awarded themselves pay increases, in one instance of up to a massive fifty-four per cent! How does that compare with what you (and possibly your wife and kids) have to get by on?

Company	Chairman	Last year (£)	This year (£)	Increase (%)
Court Bros. (Furnishers)	A. S. Cohen	7,018	8,400	20
Bensons International Systems	F. Bennett	12,882	14,095	11
British Match Corporation	Sir A. J. Elkins	8,062	9,000	12
C. V. Buchan & Co.	I. A. Macdonald	8,125	10,500	30
F. Austin (Leyton)	F. Austin	7,625	9,660	27
Edgar Allen & Co.	F. A. Ross	8,414	9,575	14
E. Austin & Sons				
London	D. J. R. Austin	10,028	12,495	25
Denbyware	N. D. Wood	13,349	18,170	24
Dixons Photographic	C. Kaims	7,500	8,663	15
Racal Electronics	E. T. Harrison	12,833	15,000	17
Brigay Group	J. Shane	6,375	7,500	18
Felicitow Dock & Railway Co.	H. G. Parker	6,000	9,208	54
Holt Products	M. R. Holt	9,531	11,783	23
Vaux & Associated				
Breweries	F. D. Nicholson	46,352	52,589	14
R. & J. Pullman	W. Lee	9,000	9,950	10
Forté Holdings	C. Forté	13,811	20,250	47
Teacher (Distillers)	R. M. Teacher	8,528	10,263	20
Smithfield & Zwanzenberg Group	J. G. Clarfelt	13,152	16,750	27
J. Saville Gordon Group	J. D. Saville	6,942	7,917	14
Samuel Osborn & Co.	B. E. Cotton	11,766	16,000	36
Fairbairn Lawson	Sir J. Lawson	9,000	11,875	32
Glaxo Group	Sir A. Wilson	22,500	25,000	11
Metropolitan Estate & Property Corporation	Sir C. E. M. Hardie	11,750	13,750	17

Political Dictionary

REVISIONISM

Revisionism operates in Ireland, Britain and elsewhere in the service of imperialism. At the present time it has its headquarters in Moscow in the form of the "Communist" Party of the Soviet Union. This Party has nothing in common with what Lenin stood for as it has "revised" away the revolutionary soul of communism and is currently busy giving the imperialist system its last breath of life.

Lenin led the struggle to expose and smash revisionism, and here are some of the statements he made concerning it:

Revisionism sacrifices the fundamental interests of the proletariat (Ed. that is the working class) to cater to the needs of the bourgeoisie (Ed. that is the ruling capitalist/imperialist class).

The theoretical victory of Marxism obliged its enemies to disguise themselves as Marxists.

Revisionism emasculates the revolutionary essence of Marxism and pushes to the foreground and extols what is acceptable to the bourgeoisie.

Revisionism declares that the doctrines of Marx are inadequate and obsolete, using "new" arguments and "new" reasoning to apologize for social reformism.

Revisionism amounts to vagueness, drifting with the stream, lacking definite and firm

principles.

Revisionism denies class struggle and preaches class collaboration.

Revisionism slavishly worships bourgeois democracy, in a vain attempt to win a majority by means of universal suffrage (Ed. that is by voting in general elections etc) and then to obtain state power.

Revisionism vainly attempts to take a peaceful, reformist road of transition to socialism, denying revolutionary violence as the fundamental feature of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Revisionism is a reflection of bourgeois influence in the working class movement.

Revisionism is a direct product of the bourgeois world outlook and its influences.

The bourgeoisie understands that it is better to use the revisionists within the working class movement—rather than the bourgeoisie itself—to defend the bourgeoisie.

Go down lower and deeper and win the masses. This is the whole meaning of the struggle against revisionism.

Revisionism is an international phenomenon. It is necessary to remove this puss as quickly and as thoroughly as possible.

Do not allow any bargaining over principles. Do not make "concessions" in questions of theory.

Join us



We fight in Britain to build up solidarity with the struggle of the Irish people. We try to educate the British working class as to the class nature of the fight in Ireland against growing fascism and for national liberation. Also, of course, we assist in whatever way we can in the building of a revolutionary mass movement here in this country. The British ruling class that is the main exploiter of the Irish people is also the main exploiter and main enemy of every worker in this country. Who are we? We are a group of workers, Irish, British and other nationalities, who have joined together in the INLSF. The chances are that, unless you purchased this paper from a newsagent, you, like thousands of others have bought it while you were out for a drink, in the street, outside a church, or at work, from a member of the Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front. This person is a worker, as you probably are. The chances are that

he has written part of the paper, has spent hours doing letraset (that's a type of transfer used for making headlines) and "pasting up" columns of type set by the printer, carefully checking that everything is parallel, that is ensuring that the paper is as good as it can be for you and people like you. He believes Ireland should be free, united and socialist. He has faith that people like you will respond and join the organisation. He understands that the workers of Britain, Ireland and the whole world have everything in common as workers and can only liberate themselves from capitalist/imperialist exploitation by making revolution. He gets nothing financially out of spending his after-work hours in serving the people in this way. He is a serious person. If you like what you read in the paper and would like to do something serious to help, then get in touch. Ring the office 455 6968. Why not do it now? ■



Irish class history in photo

The man pictured on the right above is reported to be an ex-British aggressor soldier. It is said that he was tarred and feathered by the "IRA". Moreover, a number of different theories have been put forward in the imperialist press as to why action was taken against him in the early hours of Sunday, 10th January.

So there is quite a lot of confusion at the moment as to the root of the issue. But there is absolutely no confusion regarding the reason why the British imperialist press ran this photograph accompanied by banner headlines such as "This is Irish justice" etc. True to form, British imperialism uses the incident in order to whip up a racist hate campaign against Irish people struggling in Ireland and here in this country. This is all part of the ruling class tactic of divide



and rule the working class by turning worker against worker.

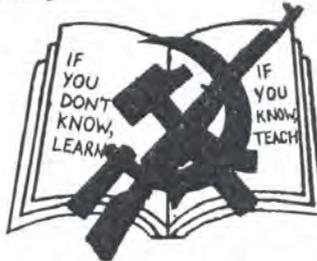
The other photograph, however, is printed as a reminder to the British ruling class that as far back as the 1798 rebellion its own aggressor troops—matched only in their brutality by those now occupying the northern part of Ireland—not only tarred the Irish masses, but put the tar into caps (the torture became known as "pitchcapping") and then set light to it and with it the heads of tens of thousands of Irishmen, women and children. So let the ruling class that still in 1971 exploits and brutally murders the people of Ireland on their own soil understand that that which they now condemn with crocodile tears as "injustice" is a practice that they perfected centuries ago, and in their case most definitely for unjust reasons.

INLSF REVOLUTIONARY NEW YEAR GREETINGS

INLSF comrades wish all workers a revolutionary new year. Both the INLSF and the "Press" have gone from strength to strength in 1970 and the new year heralds the beginning of a new stage in the building of a mass-based workers' anti-imperialist movement in this country. Why not join us, now. For information ring 01-455 6968.

INLSF POLITICAL EDUCATION

The INLSF has a monthly programme of political education and discussion class, and each month a revolutionary film is shown. This programme takes place at the Marquis of Clanricarde public house, Southwick St., off Sussex Gdns, Paddington. The nearest tube stations are Paddington and Edgware Rd. All serious people welcome. 7.30 pm each Sunday evening.



INCREASED FREQUENCY OF PUBLICATION

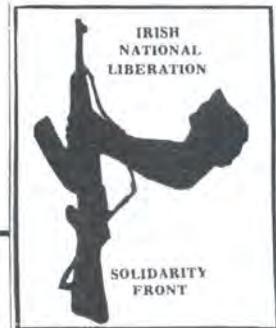
From this issue onwards the "Irish Liberation Press" will appear once every four weeks. Previously the workers who make the "Press" have attempted, though for reasons beyond their control sometimes unsuccessfully, to bring the paper out every calendar month, i.e. approximately every five weeks. Recognizing their responsibility to provide the working class with the best possible service the frequency of publication is therefore being increased.

Moreover, in order to make the "Press" more compact and to save on costs, the paper will probably fluctuate in size from ten to twelve pages in future. It is hoped that this year will see the "Press" appearing once every three weeks. These objectives, of course, depend upon the absence of basic production problems, which always take time to resolve.

TROTSKYITES AND "IRISH COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION" FROTH AT MOUTH

The regular exposure of Trotsky and Trotskyism in this paper is apparently—and understandably—driving Trotskyites crazy. They have even attempted to disrupt the sale of the "Press" by causing anti-working class scenes in public houses. However, issue 7, like its predecessors, has sold out, 7000 copies in all, with support growing rapidly.

As for the I.C.O., suffice it to advise readers to contrast the "Press" exposure in issue 6 with the latest jabberings contained in "The Communist", number 33. In helpless frustration, and unable to deal with the statement in the "Press", here readers will be able to see for themselves the true role of this isolated clique. For those who do not object spending money in this way, the "Press" draws it to the attention of our readers that "The Communist" number 33, which contains their anti-"Press", anti-INLSF statement, can be obtained from Collets Book shop, in Charing Cross Road. Nearest tube station is Leicester Square.



INLSF INTENSIFIES STRUGGLE

● RULING CLASS ATTACKS AGAINST INLSF ESCALATE—INLSF ATTACKS AGAINST THE RULING CLASS ESCALATE: MASS WORK INTENSIFIES AS SUPPORT FOR INLSF GROWS

At the beginning of December, comrade Jim Hillis and Donald O'Se were kidnapped by the pigs from outside the Gresham Ballroom, Archway, while selling the "Press". The pigs responsible were Sgt. N.438 and constables N.120, N.404, and N.145. They were kept in solitary confinement until 3.15 a.m. They came up for trial on the charge of "obstruction" and Jim Hillis was fined £4. The week after the kidnapping the INLSF mobilized a strong picket outside the Gresham Ballroom with placards bearing slogans such as "We will not allow fascist police to intimidate us or stop us from supporting the just struggle of the Irish people against British imperialism!" and "We insist on exercising our right to sell the 'Irish Liberation Press'". Cameras were on hand to film any pig brutality. Pig Panda cars were flashing round frantically. However, when they saw how organised the people were not a single pig dared approach any of those on the picket line. And that's the way it's going to be every time fascist police attack the INLSF.

● DECEMBER 8TH R.C.C. STAND

The December 8th mobilization against the fascist "Industrial Relations Bill" set the stage for not only a massive campaign against the Bill, but more importantly witnessed a new departure in the fight against revisionist and Trotskyite counter-revolutionary politics in Britain.

The workers of the Anti-Fascist Revolutionary Co-ordinating Committee of National Minorities (the R.C.C., see issue number 7, volume 1 of the "Press"), made up of members and supporters of the INLSF and the Black Unity and Freedom Party, seriously posed in this way for the first time in many years revolutionary socialism against revisionist and Trotskyite sell-out politics. The R.C.C. pointed out that it is not just a question of "Killing the Bill" but at root a question of killing capitalism; a question of making revolution and establishing the political power of the working class in the only way possible—through mass revolutionary violence. At the end of the march, organised by the revisionist "Communist Party of Great Britain", in alliance with various Trotskyite groupings, the R.C.C. set up a separate platform at Speakers' Corner and many hundreds of workers supported it and heard for the first time revolutionary politics. Many workers congratulated the R.C.C. for their initiative

in setting up their platform and for playing the "Internationale" over their loudspeaker system through the streets of London. At Tower Hill, pop music was contemptuously played from the revisionists' loud-speakers to the thousands of workers as they assembled for the march. None of the other so-called Marxist-Leninist groups so challenged the revisionists and Trotskyites on December 8th in London.

● R.C.C. VIETNAM/IRELAND SOLIDARITY RALLY AND DEMONSTRATION

On Sunday December 13th, the R.C.C. held a rally at Speakers' Corner to denounce the resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam by U.S. imperialism and also to demonstrate against the threat made by lackey Lynch to open political concentration camps in the south of Ireland for Irish patriots.

This well attended meeting of Irish and Black workers, on the basis of international working class solidarity, was indeed a unique occasion, in fact possibly the first time in the history of the labour movement in Britain that national minority groups have come together in this way. The rally was followed by a demonstration to the U.S. embassy, 10 Downing Street, and the Irish embassy. Letters of demand were handed in at these respective buildings

The pigs, confused and worried at the coming together on a revolutionary basis of Irish and Black workers, desperately tried to provoke a riot. At Speakers' Corner, for example, three pigs deliberately tried to provoke a Black worker. On the demonstration the pigs harassed comrades by kicking them on the heels and tried to push them onto the footpath. However, about 150 demonstrators refused to be trapped and the politically disciplined demonstration was a complete success. Recognising the importance of Black and Irish workers getting together, and in doing so giving the bosses' divide and rule policy a big kick in the teeth, none of the national papers who reported the demonstration mentioned the fact that about half of the people on it were Black workers. In this way they censored the truth in the service of their capitalist class interest.

Following the rally and demonstration the R.C.C. organised that evening a meeting where the film "A day in Hanoi" was shown.

● INLSF — SOLIDARITY WITH SPANISH WORKERS

On 20th December several INLSF members joined in the demonstration in support of

the democratic struggle of the Basques. During the demonstration two pigs kicked the legs of comrade Leo Bunting in an attempt to trip him up as he was selling the Irish Liberation Press. The INLSF, in accordance with its statement of aims, pledge to support the struggles of oppressed people everywhere, was at an hour's notice able to mobilize ten comrades at the request of Spanish patriots living in London to help picket the Spanish embassy on December 28th, to demand the release of the six Basques condemned to be murdered by the fascist Franco regime.

● INLSF SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE PEOPLE

Early in December a joint meeting between the INLSF and the Kensington and Paddington Branch of the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign took place. The meeting discussed the similarities in the struggles of the Palestinian and Irish people and the need to build a principled anti-imperialist solidarity movement in Britain.

● INLSF — TENANTS

The INLSF accepted an invitation during December to attend meetings of the North Islington Tenants' Union. Discussion revolved around the terrible housing conditions existing in the area. The involvement of the INLSF in this and other community work will be intensified this year (see article in this issue "The Case of Mary McGonigle").

● INLSF — IRISH LIBERATION PRESS: INFLUENCE EXTENDS IN IRELAND AND BRITAIN

The recent visit to Ireland of two INLSF members has done much to extend the influence of the organisation and the "Irish Liberation Press". The "Press" was received with great enthusiasm south and north and the people were very anxious to know about INLSF work in Britain. In Dublin the paper was sold in working class areas and also to students in the colleges. Over two hundred papers were sold in Dublin despite the fact that much time had to be allocated for discussion with various people. Some newspapers also agreed to sell the "Press" regularly. As the comrades moved around the country the reception was always very enthusiastic. In the little rural town of Killarney, for example, in the space of one and a half hours over seventy copies were sold.

As they moved north where the struggle is most acute at the moment, the many people with whom they spoke were critical of the lack of real revolutionary solidarity coming from Britain in the past. They also pointed

out that the demand for "civil rights" was by no means enough and that preparation for a protracted struggle must begin. The visit was a huge success with many more useful contacts being established and over six hundred copies of the "Press" being sold.

An INLSF comrade from Belfast who returned there over Christmas sold more than two hundred copies of the "Press". He reports a great reception, which is a measure of the vast potential for the "Press" within Ireland.

During the weekend 9/10th January INLSF comrades travelled from London to do work among the masses in Coventry, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester. Selling the "Press" and talking to people realized many new contacts. Several hundred copies were sold in these important industrial areas. Newspapers also agreed to take copies.

INLSF comrades used their Christmas holidays to sell the "Press" in bitterly cold snowy weather. Despite conditions sales were even higher than average and hundreds of workers in pubs, in the street, and outside dances and churches bought the "Press". Many workers remarked on their respect for the comrades working in difficult conditions and many new friends were made.

● INLSF OFFICERS "GUILTY"

Two officers of the INLSF, Joe O'Neill, chairman, and Brian Rose, vice chairman, were convicted, together with Vincent McEnaney, an INLSF member, at the Liverpool Magistrates Court in December of breaking the "Representation of the People Act". In fact these three workers had demanded the immediate release of all Irish political prisoners, the expulsion of British aggressor troops from Ireland, and the cessation of C.S. gas warfare, during a General Election meeting which was addressed by Barbara Castle. They were each fined £10, and the reactionary judge imposed £40 costs per comrade, so in fact the total fine amounts to £150. The comrades are appealing against the cost ruling. Even if they are successful in getting the costs reduced, which is unlikely, the imposition of a £10 fine will on its own present these workers with considerable financial hardship, particularly in the case of comrade O'Neill who is married with a baby daughter. Hence the INLSF herein issues an appeal to all readers of the "Press" to contribute as generously as possible to assist these comrades whose only "crime", in reality, was to stand up for the rights of the Irish people against British imperialism. ■

World Struggles



"The socialist of another country is a fellow-patriot, as the capitalist of my own country is a natural enemy."
JAMES CONNOLLY

Summary of month

Focus on Poland



■ POLAND

The revolutionary workers of Poland in December 1970 have reached a new and historic stage in the struggle against modern revisionism, the restoration of capitalism in their country, and the colonial policies of the Russian counter-revolutionary clique. Massive street demonstrations by the working class supported by revolutionary students have added new problems to an already abundant supply for the capitalist roaders in the Soviet Union and their lackeys in the Eastern Block countries.

Massive increases in the price of foodstuffs, e.g. meat products up 17.6%, flour 16%, milk 8%, cotton and wollen fabrics 14.5%, coal 14%, and coffee 92.1%, caused workers to surge onto the streets shouting the slogans "Give us Bread" and "Give us freedom". It was estimated that these increases would raise a family's food bill by 20%.

In Gdansk the people besieged the building of the provincial committee of the Polish United Workers' party singing the "Internationale" (reproduced in this issue) and denouncing the treacherous leadership of the revisionist party. Panic

stricken at the rise of working class militancy, the authorities ordered the police and army to attack workers and six people were killed and 115 people badly wounded at this demonstration. Tear gas was also used by the police against crowds.

Meanwhile, the Soviet social-imperialist leaders were preparing to suppress the Polish people's struggle. Soviet troop movements were reported along Poland's borders with East Germany and Czechoslovakia, and the Soviet revisionist party's First Secretary, Brezhnev, was reported to have flown to Warsaw.

In the face of the widespread people's uprising, Gomulka was forced to resign as leader of the Polish revisionist party and a new government had to be formed. The new revisionist leadership had no choice but announce "special measures" to assist families living on exceptionally low wages, and a ban on further price rises for a year. The Polish people thus scored some success in their struggle. But this success is only the beginning. The people of Poland will not rest content until political power is restored to them and the dictatorship of the proletariat has been re-established.

● **THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
China has made an all-round achievement in agriculture this year, following good harvests for eight years running. Total and per hectare grain output has exceeded even all previous records. Industry, too, has forged ahead making striking gains. Under the leadership of comrade Mao and the Communist Party of China these giant steps further accelerate the advance of socialism, not only for China but also set a shining example for all peoples everywhere struggling for emancipation from imperialist exploitation and oppression.

● ISRAEL

Workers, clerks, and teachers have recently struck in Israel for higher pay. In the Central Post Office Tel-Aviv 14 strikes have taken place in the last 3 months. The teachers' strike has lasted for several weeks. Class contradictions between workers and the Zionist ruling clique are manifested in such strikes.

● GUINEA

The people of Guinea have been dealing severe blows to Portuguese imperialism in their recent struggle in November and December. After the surprise attack by over 300 mercenaries the Guinean people quickly counter-attacked driving them back into the sea.

● DHOFAR

The Peoples Liberation Army have been dealing British imperialist troops powerful blows. They are proving in struggle that imperialism is a paper tiger. For the first time Red Berets—the imperialist Special Services Unit—have been sent to Dhofar. Many British aggressor soldiers have been killed in battle and much equipment has been captured. Many planes have been shot down.

● VIETNAM—LAOS—CAMBODIA

On December 10th the Central Committee of the Vietnam Worker's Party and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam issued an important appeal, calling on the entire army and people to unite even more closely, persist in and step up vigorously the war against U.S. aggression and to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Laotian and Cambodian peoples.

● MOSCOW

The Moscow branch of the General Union of Palestinian students resolutely rejected the "Rogers Plan" and all other capitulationist resolutions. It pointed out that the only solution to the Palestinian question will come from the barrel of a gun. This is significant as it opposes from within Russia the sell-out policy of the Soviet Social Imperialists.

● ITALY

On December 15th several million Italian workers—demanding better working and living conditions went on strike. This included railroad workers, labourers, sailors and printers. The strikers paralyzed half of Italy. On the same day students and workers demonstrated against the fascist brutalities of the Italian police pigs.

● AUSTRALIA

Thousands of Australian workers went on strike recently to protest against ruthless exploitation by the Australian capitalist and U.S. monopoly class. Students and workers demonstrating against the fascist legislation which prohibits demonstrations were attacked by mounted police.

● CANADA

23,500 workers in auto factories in Ottawa recently went on strike in protest against U.S. monopoly capitalist exploitation. Many factories were picketed and huge mass meetings of workers took place.

● JORDAN

Jordanian reactionaries on Dec 7th launched new frantic attacks on the Palestinian guerrillas. The guerrillas hit back in self defence and successfully defended their positions.

● WEST BERLIN

In West Berlin on December 13th 3,500 people held a powerful demonstration in support of the revolutionary struggles of the world peoples against U.S. imperialism.

● HOLLAND

On December 15th all Holland ground to a halt as a result of the one day General Strike against the governments wage freeze policy. Strikers burst into the Dutch Parliament and staged an occupation protesting against Government repression.

CONNOLLY SONG — AND A POEM

THE WATCHWORD OF LABOUR

Oh! hear ye the watchword of Labour,
The slogan of they who'd be free,
That no more to any enslaver,
Must labour bend suppliant knee,
That we on whose shoulders are borne,
The pomp and the pride of the great,
Whose tail they repay with their scorn,
Must challenge and master our fate.

CHORUS:

Then send it aloft on the breeze, boys
That watchword the greatest we've known,
That labour must rise from its knees, boys,
And claim the broad earth as its own.

Aye! we who oft won by our Valour,
Empire for our Ruler and Lords,
Yet knelt in abasement and squalor,
To the thing we had made by our swords,
Now valour with worth will be blending
When answering Labour's command,
We arise from our knees and ascending,
For manhood for freedom take stand.

CHORUS:

Then out from the field and the City,
From workshop, from mill and from mine,
Despising their wrath and their pity,
We workers are moving in line,
To answer the watchword and to ken,
That labour gives forth as its own,
Nor pause till our fetters we've broken,
And conquered the spoiler and drone.

CHORUS:

WHAT CONNOLLY TAUGHT US

Connolly taught us that people
have might,
and to free Ireland
we must get up and fight.

For 800 years the landlords
have fed off the rich Irish soil,
which now covers our dead.

And things have not changed
for still they do feed
off the blood, sweat and brains
of our people.
Take heed: he said organize
fully with all that's at hand,
so that we can fight all
who are raping our land.

He taught us that freedom
we'd win in the end.
He showed us the path
and each turning,
each bend.

He pointed out clearly
that blood would be shed,
and that many would die,
and now many are dead.
Because the capitalist class
will murder for gain,
not giving a damn
for the suffering and pain.

Connolly taught us that
People have might
and surely will win
if they rise up and fight
and go into battle
with gun in hand
to win liberation
and free Ireland.

(This poem has been written by Jim Hillis, a worker born in Britain, who is an officer of the Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front)

● U.S.—SOVIET JOINT CONCEPT OF JUSTICE

In order, no doubt, to compare the similarities of their two judicial systems, the U.S. ruling class and Soviet revisionist scientists working with the American ruling clique in the U.S. are getting together, at the personal initiative of war criminal Nixon, at the trial of black revolutionary women's leader Angela Davies. The black workers and white workers of the U.S. will not be fooled. They are rapidly coming to understand that until political power is vested in the working class, there can be no real justice for the Angela Davies's of the world



Spanish police torture equipment cannot smash Spanish people's struggle.



Black soldiers in Vietnam get organized.

NO INTERNMENTS!

Panic-stricken at the rising tide of working class militancy and political consciousness, the Dublin stooge regime of British imperialism, headed by arch-traitor Lynch, has officially stated its intention to open several concentration camps for political prisoners, that is concentration camps which will incarcerate Irishmen and women revolutionary patriots and other progressive people, whose "crime" is to work for the overthrow of the murderous rule of British imperialism, win national liberation, and build a united socialist republic of Ireland. This towering crime is an attack against the masses of the people of Ireland and opens the door for similar incarcerations in the occupied northern part of their country.

DUBLIN REGIME TAKES ITS ORDERS

In this, as in all other matters of importance, the Dublin regime acted on the instructions of their British imperialist masters, currently represented by the Conservative Government, following as it does the reactionary policies of its imperialist Labour party predecessors. This monstrous crime clearly establishes yet once again that in essence there is little difference between Dublin and Stormont and that the British bosses class, supported by these two regimes, is the main enemy of the people of Ireland.

Let there be no mistake about it, the internment of the first man or woman will signal the start of a massive campaign on this issue, which will be felt throughout Britain. The Irish national minority and the rest of their British working class comrades will not stand idly by whilst Irish people are interned without trial on their own soil. The Curragh concentration camp showed itself to be incapable of dousing the thirst of the people of Ireland for national liberation. Any similar tactics employed in 1971 are surely doomed to the same fate. Similarly, nothing will prevent the British people mobilizing in solidarity



Puppet and master

with their Irish brothers and sisters.

Within days of Lynch's criminal announcement to open camps, the Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front organized a successful public rally and demonstration in London. Thousands of leaflets and stickers went among the people. Despite short notice and bad weather more than two hundred people attended the rally and well over half marched several miles

through the streets of London to the Irish embassy where a stern warning was handed in.

BLACK WORKERS MARCH

The affiliation of the INLSF to the Revolutionary Co-ordinating Committee meant that many members of the Black Unity and Freedom Party turned out in wholehearted solidarity with the struggle of the Irish people, a fact that every single imperialist paper

here and in Ireland ignored. The key ruling class racist policy of divide and rule got a huge kick in the teeth and instantly the bosses' papers had to conceal this important development from the British people.

PHONIES EXPOSED

The successful INLSF demonstration contrasted sharply to the collapse of the plans of the so-called Irish Solidarity Campaign, a clique composed recently of a collection of paper organizations, including the now defunct Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign (an "International Socialist" failure), Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association, International Marxist Group, and Clan na h'Eirean, supported at their Birmingham founding conference by Peoples' Democracy, which on the same day as the INLSF anti-internment rally and demonstration mobilized for their "rally" at Speakers' Corner an estimated three people. In fact, it is understood, despite support for this clique from the "Irish Times", that there was in fact no ISC rally that day, and that it is doubtful if more than a handful actually picketed the Irish Embassy. Hence the estimate made in the last issue of the "Irish Liberation Press" to the effect that "Between all of these so-called solidarity organizations it is doubtful if they could muster more than fifty people for a demonstration, such is their desertion by workers in Britain" was clearly overgenerous by far.

INLSF SERIOUSNESS

The vital issue of internments has once again established beyond all doubt that the INLSF is the only serious organisation in existence in Britain concerned to educate workers here as to the class nature of the struggle against British imperialism in Ireland and the only organization that is capable of mobilizing any working class support for the people of Ireland. Facts are facts and the December 13th INLSF anti-internment solidarity action speaks for itself.

RUC/KBE

Edward Heath, leading mouthpiece of the British ruling class, has conferred upon Sir Arthur Young, for more than a year head of the R.U.C., the title of Knight of the British Empire in the New Year honours list.

Whilst Heath remembers the services rendered by Young, the Irish people do not forget either. The role Young played as far as the people are concerned is that of a fascist pig whose loyalty to British imperialism culminated in the support he gave to the suppression of the evidence concerning the murder by the R.U.C. of Samuel Devenney in Derry in 1969. For the people K.B.E. stands for Killer for the British Empire.

Now back in London as commissioner of police, Young is no doubt eager to apply the lessons he learned when in charge of keeping the people of Derry and Belfast in their "proper place". However, lessons were learnt on both sides and what comes next promises to be highly interesting.

Get Informed

The "Irish Liberation Press" was the only paper to expose the plans of the British ruling class to order its Dublin stooges to open concentration camps for political prisoners in the southern part of Ireland. Lynch made his policy public on the 4th December.

In issue number six (out on Oct. 23rd) the "Press" stated "It is reliably reported that the Curragh political internment camp in Kildare is being re-painted and made ready for use by the Dublin Lackey clique". In issue number seven (out on Nov. 27th) it was stated that "...Lynch has already received orders from his imperialist master that, with class contradictions growing acute throughout Ireland, this hell hole (Ed. i.e. the Curragh) should be prepared once again for use against the Irish working masses".

Not even those papers produced in Ireland were in receipt of this information. To regularly read the "Irish Liberation Press" is to really keep informed about the struggle in Ireland.

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