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EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of "Freedom News"; the voice of Republican Socialism in Cork city. We intend to publish monthly until such time as the Republican Socialist Partys national newspaper resumes production and thus eliminates the vacuum which has created the need for localised papers. We believe that every progressive organisation needs its own newspaper in order to both spread its message and to counter-act the lies and half-truths propogated by the Establishments Media and by the political representatives of the status quo. We hope to fulfill that role , to some extent, in the Cork area. Our message will be clear and blunt, as always, and we hope to convince our readers of the righteousness of our cause. The cause, of which we speak, is the annihilation of injustice in our country.

By injustice we do not simply refer to the more blatant forms such as unemployment and repression. No, we also want to destroy that system which exists in Ireland and elsewhere in the world that allows man to exploit man. We aim to destroy the Capitalist system in Ireland. The Ireland that we are fighting for is a 32 county Ireland where Capitalism and such evils as sectarianism, unemployment, sexism, racism, ignorance, narrowmindedness etc. are replaced by a Socialist society. We are striving to achieve social liberation as well as national liberation. We believe that Marxism-Leninism provides the necessary method, viewpoint and science needed to define the correct strategy and tactics to defeat Capitalism and build Socialism.

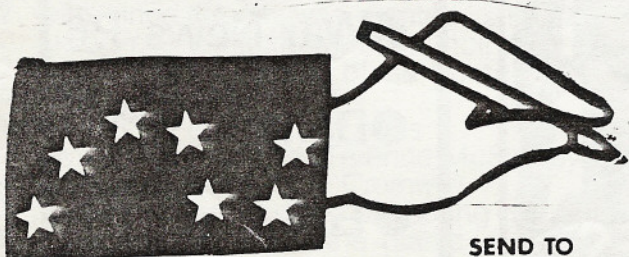
- "SAOIRSE"
Editor

NO MONEY?!?!

It now appears that Fine Gael have reneged on a promise to make £40,000 available for a Unit in the Cork Regional Hospital to house new radiotherapy equipment for cancer treatment which A.C.T. (Aid Cancer Treatment) are trying to acquire. The excuse is the usual one i.e. "Theres no money available".

This as usual is a pack of lies. Over £40,000 (the amount needed) is going to be spent in the near future to send dozens of Local Councillors on a free junket to Budapest. Over 35 Cblrs will be winging their way east on the 7 of this month in order to attend a conference on high-rise buildings. Only 8 of the delegates will be from Dublin Corporation (the only body with a genuine need to attend). The rest ,believe it or not, include Cllr.s from Cork County Council Mayo County Council, Clonmel Corporation, Carlow County Council and Leitrim County Council.

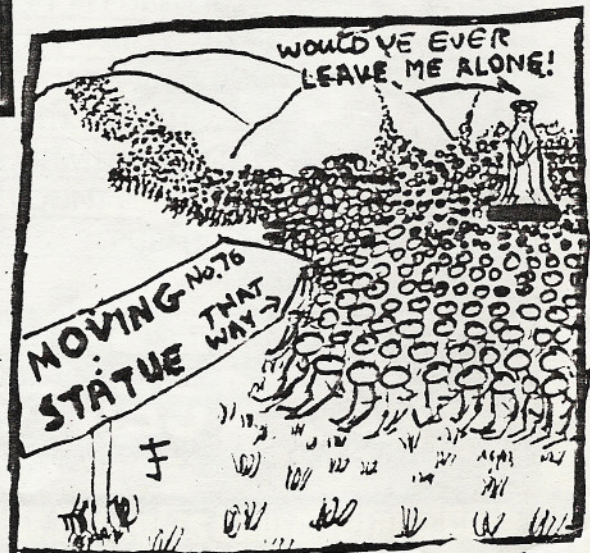
Perhaps they intend building Sky-scrappers in Blarney or Lisdoonvarna?



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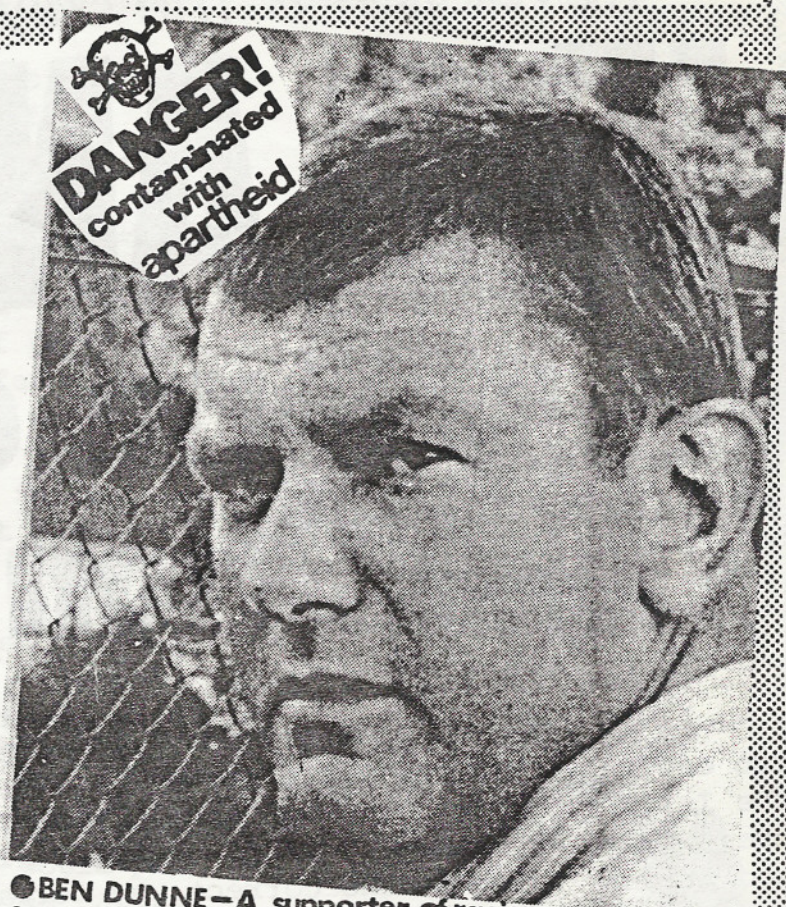
SOUTH AFRICA AND IRELAND

PARALLEL STRUGGLES

DESPITE the enormous support shown, both nationally and internationally, for the Dunnes Stores strikers in Henry street in Dublin Ben Dunne has continued to sell South African goods in his stores. Dunne, quite obviously considers his few pounds profit more important than those blacks who are being murdered daily by the racist regime operating in South Africa. The IRSP fully supports the actions of the Dunnes strikers and, in fact, believe that the strike should be spread to all stores selling South African produce.

Imperialism

We believe that the Irish people have much in common with oppressed blacks as South Africa and Ireland are both victims of Imperialist oppression. The struggles in Ireland and South Africa are parallel struggles. Just as British invaders "planted" Ireland (notably the north east) driving the natives into poor areas so too did white Europeans "plant" South Africa driving Africans from their lands and establishing their "White dictatorship". The analogies with the struggle go-



● BEN DUNNE—A supporter of racism

ing on in the north at the present time also manifest themselves in the type of system operating in both areas. Both are semi-fascist States willing to use overt physical repression against those who strive to overthrow it.

Because of these similarities we believe that Irish workers should be to the forefront in supporting the struggle in South Africa. The IRSP believes that Irish workers should demonstrate their support by

- * extending the strike against South African goods
- * boycotting Dunnes Stores
- * joining or forming a local Strike support group

(The Cork Dunnes Strike Support Group meets every Tuesday night at 8 pm in Connolly Hall.)

REMEMBER—

DON'T SHOP AT DUNNES STORES

Revolution is the only solution

IRELAND

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IN IRELAND today "socialists" are seen to advocate two entirely different ways forward. One strand within the Irish socialist movement simply wishes to reform the present system while the other strand strives for its abolition. Which is the correct way forward?

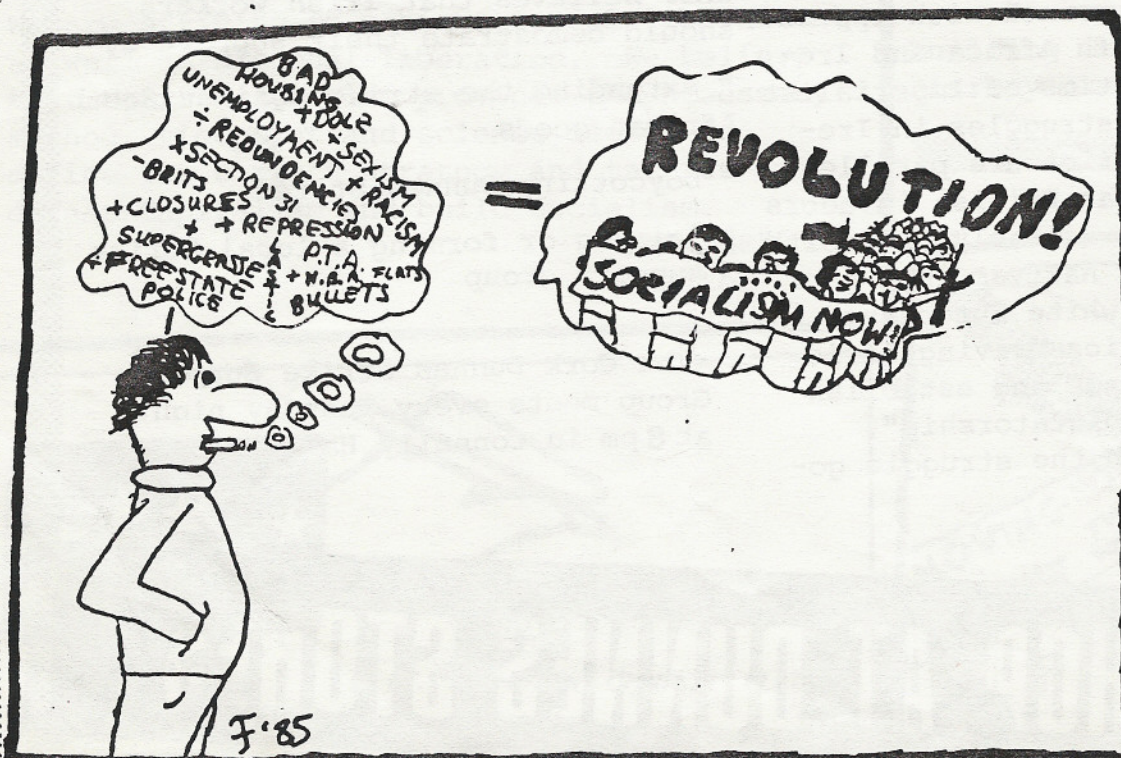
MARXISTS

The IRSP, as Marxists, support the latter stance. We believe that the Capitalist system, which is based on the exploitation of man by man, must and will go and that its reformation would do nothing to eradicate the exploitation on which it is based. Reformism is, as V I Lenin, put it "the partial patching up of the doomed regime, with the object of dividing and weakening the working class and of maintaining the rule of the bourgeoisie, versus the overthrow of that rule". The revolution is, we believe, inevitable. Karl Marx (1818-1883) was the first to explain why this is so. Marx wrote in "The Communist Manifesto"

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FALLACY


In Ireland today the cap-
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minute democracy" form (i.e. you
get to mark a piece of paper for
2 minutes once every few years)
and thus Irish workers are duped
into believing that we live in a
democracy. This is a fallacy be-
cause while we are not blatantly
suppressed (in the 26 counties
that is) we are still unable to
vote out the capitalist system.
If an IRSP government was elect-
ed tomorrow we would find our-
selves confronted by a bourgeo-
ise which would be unwilling to
relinquish control of their power.
A Franco-type General would prob-
ably be backed by Irish capital-
ist money in order to repress the
working class or alternatively
we would find international
capitalism intervening in the
form of an American invasion.

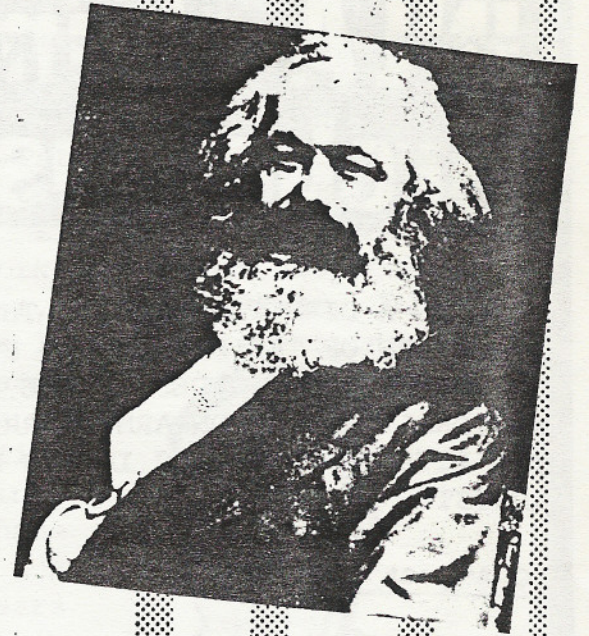
What we are saying, basic-
ally, is that for the working
class Capitalism is not freedom
- it is slavery. Reformism as
advocated by the Labour Party,
Workers Party and by Sinn Fein
is no answer. Revolution is
the only solution.

SAOIRSE!

Workers of the world unite,
you have nothing to lose but
your chains.

- Karl Marx





FROM TOP TO BOTTOM
Karl Marx, James
Connolly (Ireland's
greatest Marxist)
and V I Lenin.

INLA claim firebombs

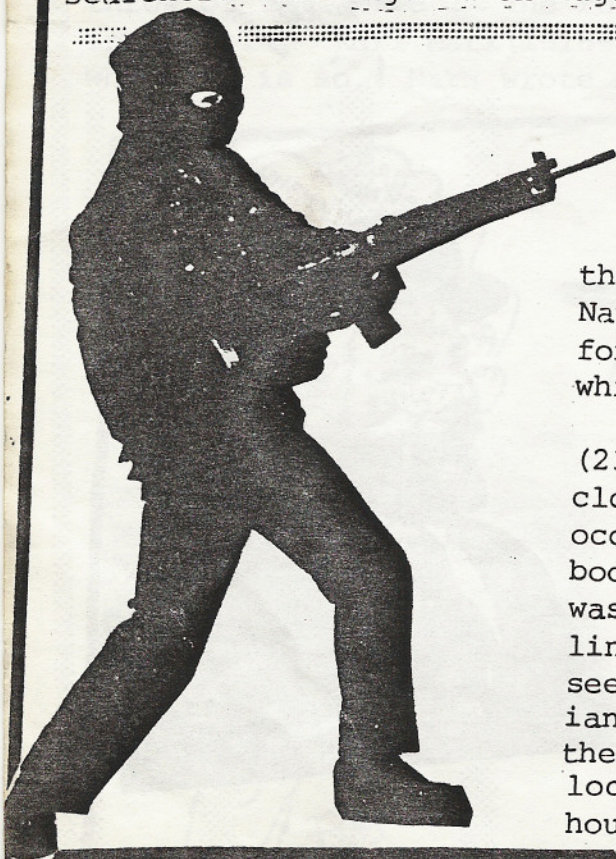
IN A DIRECT ATTACK ON THE INFRA-STRUCTURE OF THE SIX COUNTY STATELET THE NORTHERN BRIGADES OF THE IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY CARRIED OUT TWO ATTACKS ON TRAINS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

10 August 1985

Incediary bombs caused serious damage to a number of carriages of the north-bound Dublin to Belfast train on August 10th. All passengers had been taken off the train 15 minutes earlier at Newry following phonecalls to the BBC and Downtown Radio from an Army volunteer at 4pm. All firebombs, which were packed in separate dufflebags, went off at exactly 5pm gutting three carriages.

29 August 1985

Five RUC men and four civilian searchers were injured on August 29th



INLA ACTIONS

WAR NEWS

A graphic of a rifle with several stars around it, positioned to the right of the 'WAR NEWS' text.

when a booby-trap bomb exploded on a cross-border train in Belfast. The device rigged up to a bicycle and left in a goods compartment went off while the Enterprise train from Dublin was being searched at Central Station. One RUC man was seriously injured with lacerations to the face and body. The National Liberation Army claimed the attack.

SUPPORT THE PRISONERS



The Prisoners need your support.

In areas covered by Green Cross Collections we urge our readers to contribute generously.

In other areas you can contribute to the Republican Socialist Prisoners Fund.

You can send donations to Republican Socialist Prisoners Fund, 34 Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin.

KILLEADY BOMB

In a statement issued to the Media on August the 24th the South Armagh Brigade of the Irish National Liberation Army claimed responsibility for a booby-trap bomb, meant for the crown forces, which exploded earlier that day.

The operation began late on Friday night (23rd August) when armed volunteers seized a house close to Killeady, Co. Armagh. After removing the occupant to a safe location they proceeded to booby-trap the front door of the house. A beerkeg was then placed on the Dublin to Belfast railway line 700 yards away. It was expected that, having seen the hoax bomb, crown forces would clear civilians, including the occupant of the house, out of the area thus activating the bomb. Unfortunately a local man, having noticed the keg, arrived at the house and detonated the device injuring himself.

BITS & PIECES..

Did anybody notice the photograph of the Cork

This man is one of Cork city's most

has been running a

for a number of years now where it appears that he pays a measly £5 or £6 a week to children aged 7 and upwards for delivering an average of 100 papers a day for him. These children are also expected to spend half of their Saturdays loot. The Cork Examiner pays its paper sellers 6½p on every paper sold so presumably this is what rakes in on each copy. If his paper deliverers worked directly for the Cork Examiner they would earn approx. £6.50 a day i.e. £39.00 a week. Working for they get at most £6 a week. Obviously makes about £34 profit on each of these children. This is how he can afford a and a house in away from all the working class people he exploits.

Do you remember the slogan of

used in the June Local elections

Bet you were puzzled as to its meaning. The IRSP wasn't! A young IRSP member from Togher overheard the following conversation during a canvas last June. to 18 year old youth - "Do I get your No.1 on the day?" Youth - "Erah yeah, what for?" - "Are you working at all?" Y - "No!" - "Come out to me two weeks after the elections and I'll get you on a 'course'. I fix people up all the time" and he proceeded to list dozens of people that he had got on courses. That was how got his votes. He literally bought them. Just for the record the voter in question didn't even vote on the day!

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CLASS WARFARE



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WITH OVER 12,000 UNEMPLOYED CORK IRSP SAY THAT...

CORK 800 IS A FARCE!

"CORK 800 IS A TOTAL AND UTTER FARCE DESIGNED TO COAX MORE TOURISTS INTO THE CITY AND THEREBY INCREASE PROFITS FOR THOSE CAPITALISTS INVOLVED IN THE HOTEL AND TOURIST TRADES e.g. COVENEY AND CO. IT ALSO PROVIDES THE LOCAL CAPITALISTS AND MIDDLE CLASS WITH AN EXCUSE TO PARTY AND ENJOY THEMSELVES AT OUR EXPENSE. THE WORKING CLASS IN CORK WILL HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL AT THE END OF THE DAY FOR THESE ELITEST CELEBRATIONS WHICH ARE BEING CARRIED AT A TIME WHEN FACTORIES ARE CLOSING DOWN ALL OVER CORK AND WHEN WELL OVER 12,000 ARE ON THE DOLE IN CORK CITY ALONE".

That is the view of the Cork craobh of the Irish Republican Socialist Party. We believe that it is an insult to the working class in Cork which has been particularly hit hard with many hundreds of lay-offs and factory closures during the past two years. Today in Cork poverty and hopelessness is taking a firm grip and it is commonly joked that the Dole

office is the only place taking on new workers.

REALITY

Begging has increased in the streets and the city centre always has at least nine or ten people begging each day. The city is falling apart both economically and literally. We still have NBA slums in Togher, the Glen and Mayfield. This is the reality of life in Cork. Instead of building new houses and creating new jobs the "ruling class" in Cork have decided to waste money on lavish celebrations and functions from which the ordinary people of Cork are excluded. This, as we have already stated, is an insult to the people of Cork. Furthermore it is not even the 800th anniversary of the birth of our city. Cork is 1350 years old not 800. It is 800 years since a Brit King "granted" us the right to call Cork a city. That is what is being celebrated. Cork 800 is a total farce.



756 Years and a lot to show for it!

Cork is celebrating its 756 Anniversary* this year and we're proud of it. Proud of Cork, proud of ourselves and proud of each one of those magical 800 years. (Or thereabouts).

We're nearly 760 bliain ag fas and we've a lot to show for it. For instance there's Cha an' Miah boy, the Jazz House and de Guinness Opera Festival, not to mention all our Cark accents.

Yes boy, dere's more to Cork than 756 years of history. We've the bells of Shandon, Jack Lynch, the river Suir and the Treaty Stone, even a road leading to Dublin. Cork is bursting with life and vitality here in this pearly oyster-bed of Munster.

And we're looking forward to the next 756 years!

HOW THOSE 800 YEARS ARE MADE UP

- 412 years since the city was granted its charter
- 30 years since the serfs were emancipated
- 172 years since the routing of the Norse
- 14 miles from Cobh
- 51 years since the new city walls
- 74 days hunger strike by Terence McSwiney
- 44 years since burning by Cromwell
- 3 years since introduction of parking disc
- 73 years since sinking of the Titanic
- 291 days accounting provision carried forward
- 800 (most experts agree)

(*Cork is PROBABLY 756 years old, although it might be 512, 388, 945, 17 or 2,000.)

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SOCIALIST PARTY IS
A MARXIST PARTY
DEDICATED TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF
A 32 COUNTY
WORKERS REPUBLIC**



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