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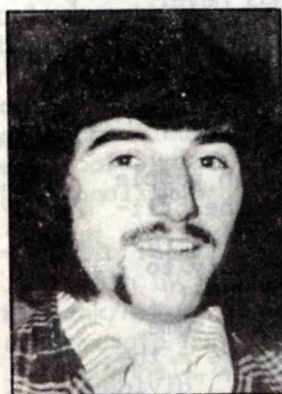
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AUGUST 3rd DEMONSTRATION

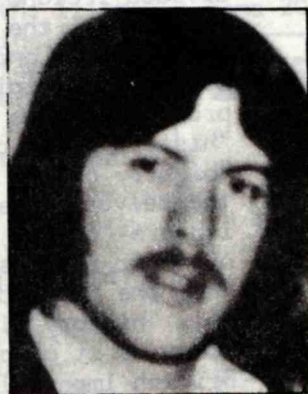
DEMONSTRATE AGAINST BRITISH IMPERIALISM!

Remember Ireland's heroic martyrs!



● KEVIN LYNCH

(aged 25, 1.8.81)



● KIERAN DOHERTY

(aged 25, 2.8.81)



● THOMAS McELWEE

(aged 23, 8.8.81)

This time last year these young heroes met their deaths on hunger-strike for the H-Blocks five demands. A further march in the series of H-Block commemorations is being held in Dublin next Tuesday evening, August 3. CPI(ML) calls on all its activists and supporters and the working class of Dublin to participate in this march from the G.P.O. to Leinster House, and use this opportunity, once again, to turn our grief into strength in a militant demonstration against British imperialism. For it has been British imperialism which was the sole cause of the deaths of these young martyrs, for their murder, as well as all the other countless crimes against the Irish people!

NO ONE WHO FIGHTS FOR IRISH FREEDOM CAN BE CALLED A CRIMINAL!

On this bitter occasion we must remember that the immediate cause for which Kevin Lynch,

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LONG LIVE THE HEROIC PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE!

DOWN WITH THE FASCIST AGGRESSION AND GENOCIDE OF U.S.- BACKED ISRAELI ZIONISM AGAINST THE LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE !

The Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) wholeheartedly condemns the vicious fascist invasion of the Israeli Zionists into the Lebanon. This act, which flouts all international law and the resolutions of the United Nations, has absolutely no justification ; certainly not as "retaliation" for attacks on Israeli diplomats etc., as Begin and his fascists claim; it is simply the continuation of the constant policy of Israeli Zionism to crush the Palestinian people's just

resistance -- this time by attempting Hitler's plan of a "final solution", through the calculated genocide of the Palestinian people in the refugee camps in the Lebanon.

CPI(M-L) calls on all democratic and anti-imperialist people to take up the cause of the Palestinian people, and to organise to arouse the support of the entire Irish people against Israeli Zionism. For the cause of the Palestinian people in fighting for their homeland is the same just

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Communiqué

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OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPI(M-L)
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PARTY'S
12th ANNIVERSARY-JULY 4th 1982.

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Kieran Doherty and Thomas McElwee and the other martyrs fought - the prisoners' five demands - have still not been fully achieved; the patriotic prisoners of the H-Blocks, as well as Armagh, Crumlin Road, and not forgetting the Irish prisoners subjected to inhuman conditions in jails in Britain : - all these are still fighting in various ways for the recognition of their rights to be treated as political prisoners, out of their just refusal to be treated as criminals.

For let it be clearly understood - that no power on earth has the right or jurisdiction to condemn anyone who takes up arms to fight for Irish freedom, as a criminal, let alone British imperialism!

The Irish people are an oppressed nation. And this is the real crime. The British monopoly capitalist class who oppress the Irish people are the real criminals. The fight for Irish freedom is a just and sacred struggle, and those who fight in it are heroes and not criminals.

The demand of the patriotic prisoners for political or prisoner of war status under the Geneva Convention is, therefore an entirely just and legitimate demand, and this demand deserves, and receives, the support of all democratic-minded people, both here in Ireland and throughout the world. It is an objective necessity that the campaign of active support for the patriotic Irish political prisoners must be carried on militantly; and not only until the achievement of the just demand for appropriate prison conditions are met, but also until all the patriotic political prisoners are released, and instead, the true criminals are brought to justice by the Irish people - i.e. the British monopoly capitalists and all those national traitors who have actively supported their unjust enslavement and division of the Irish people!

THE FINGER OF ACCUSATION MUST BE TURNED AGAINST BRITISH IMPERIALISM!

The campaign of support for the patriotic political prisoners must be based on the just condemnation of British imperialism as the national oppressor of the Irish people. In their statement at the conclusion of the historic 1981 Hunger Strike, the patriotic prisoners said that, amongst other objectives, the hunger-strike was to rekindle the Irish people's just struggle for national liberation and re-unification. The programme of commemorations set out by the National H-Block/Armagh Committee for this year has also been with the objective of educating and arousing the Irish people to achieve the aspiration for which the heroic hunger-strikers gave their lives - Irish freedom.

Thus, this coming Tuesday the next Dublin commemoration for Kevin Lynch, Kieran Doherty and Thomas McElwee must be made the occasion for a militant demonstration against British imperialism.

The British ruling class not only has no rights in this country, but it has committed and still is committing everyday countless crimes against the Irish people. They have criminally divided our country and maintained their military/fascist type colonial occupation of the north; set our people at loggerheads with each other through terrorism and incitement of their fascist-sectarian "divide and rule" policy. This has involved the secret organisation of fascist-sectarian paramilitary gangs - U.D.A., U.V.F., U.F.F. etc.; undercover assassination by the British army S.A.S.; and the naked brute force of the British Army, U.D.R., R.U.C. This fascist-sectarian "divide and rule" policy has never been confined to the promotion of the vicious fascist-sect-

arian propaganda of the likes of Paisley, and this, in itself, has never been the spontaneous product of the ordinary protestant people themselves as the reactionaries and the British imperialists maintain.

This whole system of aggression against the Irish people - like the elevation of Hitler to power by the German monopoly capitalist class in the '30s - has been a definite, planned conspiracy by the British monopoly capitalist class, with the assistance of the Irish monopoly capitalists, to maintain British imperialism in Ireland.

This situation of a divided Ireland has never been - what the British imperialists and the Irish bourgeoisie claim - the product of some abstraction - "history" - or of the "bigotry of the Irish people themselves", where the British are "forced to stay out of their responsibility to keep the two sides apart". This "history" is the same today as it always was - the British imperialists' "divide and rule" system of national subjugation. The Irish people can only be re-united in the course of the struggle to overthrow British imperialism!

The existence of political prisoners in Ireland is entirely the product of this whole system of British imperialism, where patriotism is a "crime" in Ireland. The campaign in support of the patriotic political prisoners has played, is playing and will play a very important role in mobilising the Irish people for the overthrow of British imperialism.

CPI(ML) calls for the commemorations of the H-Block martyrs to be turned into militant indictments of British imperialism and its ongoing crimes, their murder of children with plastic bullets etc.; and for the National Committee to further intensify and consolidate the nation-wide organisation and activity in support of the patriotic political prisoners on a long-term basis!

Report: Recent H-Block Commemoration

"Red Patriot" is publishing a short report by a supporter of CPI(ML) on a recent H-Block commemoration. The events of this commemoration serve to illustrate the role of the Irish bourgeoisie and the Free State apparatus, gardai etc., as national traitors and native sell-outs to British imperialism. It is clear from this example, as well as countless others, north as well as south - e.g. the role of the Unionists, Alliance and SDLP parties and the U.D.R. and R.U.C. etc. - that the struggle to overthrow British imperialism necessarily involves struggle against the collaborationism of the Irish bourgeoisie - this single native monopoly capitalist class, which is as deceptive as a chameleon in its "different" colours of unionism and "nationalism".

"At a recent rally held on July 10th by the Dublin Central H-Block/Armagh Committee to commemorate hunger-strikers, Joe McDonnell and Martin Hurson, the gardai once again intensified their harassment of the campaign in furtherance of their attempts to clear the H-Block activists off the streets.

Before the rally commenced, an activist who was distributing the Dublin Committee's newsheet "Spirit of Freedom" was arrested for "collecting money without a permit".

As the rally got under way, the chairman of the Dublin Committee announced to the crowd, who now numbered some 300 people, that, following the march to lay a wreath at the Garden of Remembrance, the march would proceed to Store Street Garda station where the arrested activist had been unjustly taken. Those on the march greeted this call with enthusiasm!

At this point a uniformed garda apprehended the chairman and demanded his name, whereupon the H-Block activist retorted with the just demand, under what law was he obliged to give this information. The garda caught unprepared at this refusal and evidently reluctant to breach the

illusions of bourgeois democracy by quoting the "Offences against the State" Act in the situation of this public meeting, backed off from his initial assertion that "it was normal for public speakers to give their names"! And admitted he was not quoting any law and saying "Ireland is a free country".

The march set off for the Garden of Remembrance only to find that the gardai had hurried to the scene to close the gates and prevent the wreath-laying. In their haste the gardai had locked inside a group of tourists! After some 20 minutes, when the demon-

strators showed their determination to remain until the gates were opened to allow the wreath-laying, the gardai received new instructions and opened the gates. At the same time the activist who had earlier been taken to Store Street arrived at the demonstration having been released, to be greeted by a great cheer from the march!

The march returned militantly to the G.P.O., encouraged by two victories, reminded of the collaborationist nature of the Free State, and more determined to continue the work to oppose British imperialism of patriots.

Editorial

BOLSHEVISE THE PARTY!

DISSEMINATE THE MARXIST-LENINIST LINE!
PREPARE THE CONDITIONS FOR REVOLUTION!

This edition of "Red Patriot" marks a historic step forward for the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) with the publication of the Communiqué of the Central Committee, announcing the conclusions of the Special Consultative Conference of CPI(ML) on the occasion of the Party's 12th Anniversary.

The restatement of CPI(ML)'s Marxist-Leninist political line and the thorough repudiation and public condemnation of the revisionists, who came up internally to try to destroy our Party over the last three years or so, open up great prospects for CPI(ML) to advance its work and influence over the next period. Shortly the Party will be publishing further documents from the Special Consultative Conference, which outline the programme of the Party in greater detail. This Communiqué, the further documents and the ongoing publication of "Red Patriot" are essential weapons for the Party and for the revolutionary proletariat to advance the preparations for revolution.

The existence of the genuine Communist Party of the working class, based on

Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, is the most crucial subjective factor in developing the conditions for revolution and ensuring that this revolution, when it comes, is carried through to a successful conclusion, and is not aborted or sold out half way. It is the existence of the CPI(ML) that these revisionists tried to destroy, just as the revisionists of the old "C"PI, the social-democrats, Trotskyites etc. work daily to conceal the need for the Party from the working class by their promotion of reformist illusions about "reforming the state peacefully, through parliament" etc.

The objective movement towards revolution advances remorselessly, in Ireland as all over the world. The imperialist crisis, effecting Ireland as all the other capitalist/revisionist states, i.e. except the state of socialism in Albania, is an allround crisis - economic, social, political and a moral, spiritual and credibility crisis for the bourgeois/revisionist society and its state power. But at the same time, the monopoly capitalist class is mounting an intense

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 reaction on all fronts to crush the democratic and revolutionary forces with fascism, racism and their hysteria for another world war. The British imperialists, sent reeling with the mass anti-imperialist upsurge in the north in the period 1968 to '72, have had difficulty and, in fact, found it impossible to put down the upsurge entirely, witness last year's heroic H-Block Hunger Strike. Nevertheless, there is no denying the urgency here in Ireland, as on the world scale, for the working class and the other sections of the working people to get organised to put an end to the imperialists' repression, that is, by putting an end to the imperialists themselves, once and for all. It is the advancement of

the Marxist-Leninist party to leadership of the democratic and revolutionary movements, which is where the class conscious and revolutionary elements in society can make their mark. For this is how to affect the subjective movement in society, and bring the subjective conditions into line with the already ripe objective conditions for revolution. Without bringing the lagging subjective conditions into line with the objective conditions there is no guarantee that the revolutionary crisis, when it comes, is not aborted by the bourgeoisie and turned into an opportunity for further reaction. Thus, where the overthrow of imperialism is itself a question of great urgency on which the salvation and liberation of the

people depends, the building of a powerful Marxist-Leninist party is of still greater urgency.

"Red Patriot" calls on its readers and supporters: to take the newspaper and its Marxist-Leninist line to every corner of society and use it as an instrument to organise the working people for revolution, with all the urgency and systematic work that this demands. "Red Patriot" calls on the workers to take up this newspaper as their own paper, as the newspaper of their class, and make "Red Patriot" their own weapon in the class struggle, writing letters and reports to "Red Patriot" about their struggles, so that these in turn can be printed and used to advance the class.

Northern News.

Support the Health Workers!

Following is a report from a supporter of CPI(ML) about the vigorous struggle of the health workers' in the north, alongside their class brothers and sisters in Britain. In their militant struggle for a 12% increase, the health workers are not only having to fight against the vicious anti-worker Thatcher government, but also against the treachery of the labour aristocracy who control the trade unions, and against the capitalist Labour Party who are trying to divert the struggle into a demand for "arbitration" by ACAS, as if concession on this question by the Thatcher government would constitute victory. But this is a deception, hatched up between the government and their "loyal opposition". For they know that if the militancy of the workers is expended on this issue, such a concession by the Tory government would mean the health workers dissipating their own initiative and allowing yet another agency of the capitalist class to make the settlement. For this is, indeed, what the

reality of such "neutral" bodies as ACAS is - appointed by the government itself, with its chairman, Pat Lowry, the former British Leyland industrial relations chief who imposed the notorious "Edwardes Plan" on the car workers.

The health workers must keep the initiative of the struggle in their own hands, continue the just struggle for 12% and refuse to allow the trade union misleaders to divert the issue onto achieving "arbitration":-

Belfast City Hall on the 23rd of June was the scene of a tremendous show of working class solidarity in support of the health workers' 12% pay claim. The one day strike called by the health service unions throughout the north and Britain was backed up by many trade unionists and dealt a severe blow to the attempts by the British government to cut the living standards of health workers, many of whom are already near the poverty line.

Public employees who supported the action included gas, electricity, power and water sewage workers.

Harland and Wolff's, Short's and Sirocco were among the heavy industries in support.

Aldergrove Airport was brought to a standstill and flights cancelled due to action by firemen there. Leisure centres including Andersonstown, Shankill, Beechmount and Mayfield also closed.

Civil servants in Stormont held a mass rally of their own in support.

The government's reply to the health workers' demand has been a derisory 4% with 6.4% to nurses. When it appeared that the June 23rd action was going to be massively supported, the Health secretary, Norman Fowler raised the offer in a vain attempt to defuse the struggle. The government's offer now stands at 6%, with 7.5% for nurses.

The government is also hinting at arbitration as a way of getting itself off the hook. Initially the government was against arbitration through ACAS as it considered the health workers a "pushover."

However, the health workers have responded valiantly to the challenge. In Belfast Joint Committees of union

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activists have been set up to lead and co-ordinate the struggle, and an unprecedented degree of unity has been built up.

The capitalist press and media have taken fright and engaged in slander campaigns to try and split the unions, even printing the most blatant

lies, for example, the Belfast Telegraph with a front page picture said to be of heaps of refuse abandoned by porters outside the casualty department of the Royal Victoria Hospital. The photo was taken a hundred yards from there.

The health workers have been greatly inspired by the

results of their struggle so far and are determined to escalate the struggle for the full 12%.

The general three day stoppage called for 19th-21st of July, in support of the health workers is certain to put even greater pressure on the government to concede to this just demand.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL Britain 1982



The Preparatory Committee of the International Sports and Cultural Festival is very happy to announce that the Second International Festival is to be held in Britain between August 20 and August 30, 1982.

The First International Sports and Cultural Festival, held in Vancouver, Canada, August 1-3, 1981, was a tremendous success. At the Festival, the first ever of its kind, more than 50,000 people watched the events and large numbers of workers and progressive and democratic people participated in various sports and cultural activities. This included 130 sports and cultural workers from Britain and delegations of sports and cultural workers from India, Trinidad and Tobago, Pakistan, Denmark and Germany.

The International Sports and Cultural Festival is organised by the broad masses of people, relying on their own efforts and ensuring a truly mass and popular character to the sports and cultural activities of the people. The Festival is organised in opposition to the vicious control of sports and culture by the moneybags who have turned sports and culture into their billion-pound money-making industry and have deprived the people of any possibilities of developing and cherishing their sports and culture.

The International Sports and Cultural Festival has the aim of genuinely developing sports and culture and developing them in the service of the people: to develop sportsmanship, friendship, enjoyment and skill in the sporting activities, and artistic honesty, high standards and popular character on the cultural front. The aim of the Festival is to further build the unity of all peoples nationally and internationally, to build this unity against racism, fascism, war and imperialism and social imperialism.

The Second International Sports and Cultural Festival, which is organised by the International Preparatory Committee, is being hosted by the National Organising Committee of People's Democratic Front. This Committee was formed at the June 7 Conference Against Racism and Fascism, held in London 1981, and has as its aim the building of the unity of the people in struggle against racism, fascism and war and for democracy, progress and freedom.

August 20 - 30

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RECEPTION TO OPEN CULTURAL SECTION OF FESTIVAL

Saturday August 21, 10am - 5pm:
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COMPETITION FOR MUSICAL COMPOSITION

Saturday August 21, 7.30pm:
INTERNATIONAL CONCERT

Sunday August 22, 10am - 5pm:
Talks, films, poems and discussion on the theme
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SECTION OF FESTIVAL

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SPORTS FESTIVAL - HEATS

Saturday August 28, 7pm:
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CONCERT AND
COMPETITION, INCLUDING A PERFORMANCE
OF SONGS WRITTEN BY CORNELIUS CARDEW

Sunday August 29, 9am - 6pm
SPORTS FESTIVAL - HEATS

Sunday August 29, 7pm:
INTERNATIONAL CONCERT AND CULTURAL
COMPETITION

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SPORTS FESTIVAL - FINALS

Monday August 30, 6pm
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ANCES OF WINNING CULTURAL GROUPS

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RESISTANCE

cause of national liberation which the Irish people are fighting for themselves. In particular, the Irish people must :

DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF IRISH TOOPS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE LEBANON !

For it is still clearer now that this UNIFIL force was never anything more than a protective barrier for Israeli Zionism, which did everything to thwart the just struggle of the Palestinian people for the restoration of their homeland, while it did absolutely nothing to stop Israeli Zionist aggression and genocide against the Palestinian and Lebanese people.

The state of Israel was set up under the patronage of British imperialism with the avowed objective of establishing "a permanent foothold to maintain control in the Middle East " ; another example of their stock tactic of "Divide and Rule. " The concept of a "Jewish state for a Jewish people", which has been the basis of the Zionist state, has always been completely anti-democratic, racist and fascist, in just the same way as the Irish bourgeoisie's "protestant parliament for a protestant people" in Northern Ireland, in collaboration with British imperialism's "Divide and Rule" policy to suppress the Irish people. It meant the denial of all rights to the indigenous Palestinian people and the calculated expulsion of the Palestinian people from their homeland, especially in 1948. Ever since, Israeli Zionism has been the tool of western imperialism, today of U.S. imperialism, to maintain their domination in the Middle East.

At the same time, the other superpower, the Soviet social-imperialists , play a deceptive and hypocritical role in their so-called "support" for the Palestinian people, providing some diplomatic and military support to the resistance, while at the same time they have exported thousands upon thousands of Jewish people to



bolster this unjust state with cannon fodder for their fascist aggression.

The interest of the two superpowers in the Middle East is the vast reserves of oil etc. and its strategic value as a vital bridgehead between the continents of Asia and Africa in their contention and their preparations for another world war. In fact, this present U.S. backed Israeli Zionist aggression comes hot on the heels of the U.S.-backed British imperialist aggression against Argentina in the Malvinas and must be seen as part of the preparations of the two superpowers for world war - the other side of the coin to their current hypocritical "peace talks" about the reduct-

ion of strategic nuclear weapons etc. **DOWN WITH BOTH SUPERPOWERS -U.S. IMPERIALISM AND SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM - AND THEIR CONTENTION AND MANIPULATION OF THE PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE INTERESTS OF WORLD WAR !**

The Palestinian people's struggle to restore their homeland is a just struggle. It has never been against the Jewish people themselves, but for a state of Palestine in which Arab and Jew can live together as brothers and sisters. Thus they must fight Israeli Zionism !

SUPPORT THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR HOMELAND !

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Communiqué of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist Leninist)

ANNOUNCING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PARTY'S TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY , JULY 4th 1982.

Recently the Special Consultative Conference of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) was convened to discuss the Report of the Central Committee, which had been adopted by the historic Plenums of March and May 1982. The Conference militantly approved the conclusions of the Central Committee Report , which are summarised as follows :-

1) THE FOUNDING AND BUILDING OF CPI(M-L) A HISTORIC REVOLUTIONARY ACHIEVEMENT

The Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), founded on July 4th 1970, was formed to provide the revolutionary proletariat of Ireland with its essential genuine Marxist-Leninist headquarters, its revolutionary communist Party. Without such a party it is impossible for the working class to organise itself politically for the revolution to achieve socialism and communism, to end the domination of the oppressed nations by imperialism and the very exploitation of man by man itself.

The conditions for the creation of the CPI(M-L) had been prepared by the heroic pathfinding work of the Internationalists, the Marxist-Leninist Youth and Student Movement, which had originated in Canada from 1963 and spread to a number of other countries, including Ireland from 1965, taking up the great struggle against imperialism and revisionism -- which the revisionists had criminally thrown down since the Khrushchevite betrayal. From the historic decision of the Necessity for Change Conference of 1967 in London, the Internationalists had worked towards the refounding of genuine Marxist-Leninist parties in their respective countries.

The founding of CPI(M-L) in 1970 was a tremendous achievement for the young Irish Marxist-Leninists, marking, for the Irish working class, a decisive break with the domination of revisionism and social-democracy. The revisionists had subverted and liquidated the old Communist Party of Ireland during the 1940s, and turned it into a headquarters of Khrushchevite revisionism during the 1950s by following Khrushchev's line of the "peaceful, parliamentary road to socialism in the capitalist countries", supporting the transformation of the Soviet Union into an aggressive social imperialist power, supporting its policies of contention against U.S. imperialism towards world war and its policies of collusion with U.S. imperialism for the suppression of the revolutions for national liberation and socialism.

In the years after the formation of the CPI(M-L), the young comrades fought hard to build the party, disseminate the Marxist-Leninist line, politically organise and mobilise the working class and the patriotic Irish people for revolution. By dint of hard work and self-sacrifice including arrests and imprisonment, resolutely standing up for Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, for national liberation for the Irish people and for proletarian socialist revolution, the comrades gradually strengthened and matured the Party step by step, instilling profound communist convictions in the Party and making headway to popularise CPI(M-L) as the genuine Marxist-Leninist revolutionary party of the working class and to expose the revisionist "Communist" Party of Ireland as a sham and a traitor to the workers and to the Irish people. The work of those years since the foundation of the Party was a great achievement, made in the teeth of complex and adverse conditions -- attacks by British imperialism and the Irish bourgeoisie and their state powers, as well as from the social-democrats and the revisionists, not least from Chinese revisionism. It was this achievement which stood the Party in great stead and ensured that CPI(M-L) has been able to overcome both the adverse effects of Maoism and the concerted attempts by revisionist cliques amongst the former leaders of the CPI(M-L) to subvert and liquidate our Party over the last three years or so, and turn CPI(M-L) into yet another revisionist Party, to wipe out once again the essential Marxist-Leninist headquarters of the Irish working class.

2) REPUDIATION OF "MAO ZEDONG THOUGHT"

Under the deception that Mao Zedong Thought and the Communist Party of China were Marxist-Leninists, and were fighting both U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism and social -imperialism, at the time of its founding our Party adopted the theory of "Mao Zedong Thought" alongside Marxism-Leninism as part of the ideological basis of CPI(M-L). Viewed in the historical context of that period, when this was a deception common to many other new Marxist-Leninist parties being founded around the world, this was an understandable mistake, but nonetheless a serious mistake. The main thing was that it was essential, with the exposure of the anti-Marxist-Leninist character of "Mao Zedong Thought" in the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, heroic-

ally led by the Party of Labour of Albania headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha, for our Party to learn the lessons most seriously, as was the case for all the genuine Marxist-Leninist parties.

In fact, the CPI(M-L) proved its genuine Marxist-Leninist character, forged in the years of class struggle since its foundation, when it step by step took up the struggle to repudiate modern Chinese revisionism alongside the other genuine Marxist-Leninist parties. Our Party militantly hailed the historic Report of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania of Comrade Enver Hoxha to the Seventh Congress of the PLA, in November 1976, and repudiated the bogus anti-Leninist "Three Worlds Theory" and the anti-Bolshevik theory of the "two line struggle in the party". Our Party militantly denounced the Chinese revisionists as a new aggressive social-imperialist power, when China launched its perfidious and hostile attack on the People's Socialist Republic of Albania and the PLA, by cutting off all internationalist aid and all trade with socialist Albania in July 1978. Our Party denounced the origin of Chinese revisionism in the anti-Marxist theory of "Mao Zedong Thought" in September 1979.

The Special Consultative Conference of the CPI(M-L) restated and further elaborated the Party's denunciation of "Mao Zedong Thought" and repudiated its adverse effects on the life, building, activity and work of our Party. Despite the fact that Maoism was adopted by our Party alongside Marxism-Leninism at its foundation, CPI(M-L) has vindicated the basic integrity of the Marxist-Leninist spine implanted and strengthened in the Party since its foundation. The overthrow of Maoism and its adverse effects has been a great achievement which has ensured that the Party could advance and play its revolutionary role all the more effectively in the future.

3) CONDEMNATION OF THE REVISIONISTS WHO ATTEMPTED TO USE THE QUESTION OF THE REPUDIATION OF "MAO ZEDONG THOUGHT" AS A TROJAN HORSE TO DESTROY CPI(M-L).

But, despite the strong Marxist-Leninist sentiment of the comrades of the CPI(M-L) to repudiate "Mao Zedong Thought", to thoroughly eliminate the adverse effects of Maoism on our Party and advance the revolutionary work of CPI(M-L), in the period since late 1977, certain former leading cadres of our Party -- namely Carole Evans (formerly Reakes), Alan Evans and David Vipond formed revisionist factions which both colluded and contended with one another, and which attempted to use the opportunity of the repudiation of "Mao Zedong Thought" as a Trojan horse to smuggle revisionism into the heart of the Party, so as to eliminate everything revolutionary and Marxist-Leninist which had been established in CPI(M-L) since its foundation, on the hoax that this, indeed, was "carrying through the repudiation of Maoism and its effects on CPI(M-L)".

The Special Consultative Conference discussed and approved the detailed Report of the Central Committee, which provided a comprehensive account and analysis of the principled struggle which has been waged by the Central Committee to overcome this, the most serious internal revisionist attack on the very existence of CPI(M-L) as the Marxist-Leninist Party of the Irish proletariat. In this struggle, the Central Committee has had the particular, important assistance of our fraternal parties, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), as well as the profound inspiration of the growing strength and unity of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement and the heroic example of the struggle of the Party of Labour of Albania, headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha, against revisionism -- against the Titoites, Khrushchevites, Maoists, Eurocommunists etc. which were brilliantly summed up in Comrade Enver Hoxha's Books -- "Imperialism and the Revolution", "Reflections on China", "The Khrushchevites" etc.

Through this complex and long drawn-out struggle over the last two years or so, the Central Committee step by step got to grips with the problems posed by the revisionist lines and activities of these former leading cadres, and has brought the Party to the point where it has militantly exposed and repudiated these revisionists, and the erroneous lines and revisionist positions which they temporarily managed to impose on our Party for a period. This has been a great victory for the science of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, for Irish Marxist-Leninists and the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, ensuring the revolutionary advance of CPI(M-L) in the future.

In particular, the Central Committee repudiated :-

a) ANTI-INTERNATIONALIST LINES

The hostile and anti-internationalist lines and provocations of these revisionists against our fraternal parties in the International Communist Movement, especially against other parties which had emerged from the pathfinding work of the Internationalists such as the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist). Asserting that they were "fighting against the Chinese revisionist line of interference in fraternal parties", these revisionists, former leaders of CPI(M-L), attacked our fraternal comrades and tried to lay the blame for the mistakes which our own Party had made, including the adoption of "Mao Zedong Thought", on the close relations which we had had with such parties and our common origins in the Internationalists. But the so-called "independence" of CPI(M-L) which these revisionists asserted had nothing in common with the line of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Move-

ment of parties genuinely standing on their own feet on Marxist-Leninist positions and strengthening the unity of the parties in the International communist Movement. This so-called "independence" was nothing but independence from Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism themselves, and a treacherous attempt by these revisionists to avoid taking up a serious, self-critical attitude on the part of our Party and its leadership in the crucial struggle against Maoist revisionism and its adverse effects on CPI(M-L), as well as carrying through the struggle against the other currents of modern revisionism, social-democracy and opportunism of all kinds.

The Central Committee repudiated :-

b) ANTI-NATIONAL LINES.

The hostile, anti-patriotic and counter-revolutionary lines which these revisionists tried to impose on our Party, in particular the articles published in the Party's central organ "Red Patriot" during 1979, which took up the revisionist line of the so-called "Communist" (Kruschevite) Party of Ireland of attacking the patriotic Irish freedom fighters as "petty bourgeois terrorists" and their just struggle as "terrorist".

Having already taken this treacherous step into revisionist positions, during 1979 these revisionists plunged the Central Committee into a disastrous, reactionary so-called "internal debate", on the hoax that "CPI(M-L)'s former line of active support for the patriotic struggle had been dictated by the "influence of Mao's bourgeois nationalism". They advanced a whole plethora of different "theories" which were designed to completely wipe out the revolutionary line of CPI(M-L) for the revolutionary overthrow of British imperialism, under the hoax that "CPI(M-L)'S line former line had been leftist and had not dealt with the objective problems of the Irish revolution, such as the division of the country into two states, the "successful" - as they alleged - division of the working class against each other by British imperialism, the creation of a "monolithic" mass opposition amongst the protestant workers against national reunification and independence". These revisionists in turn advanced a number of different theories" which actually boiled down to a repetition of the various stock revisionist positions (summarised as follows) , but tried to hide their revisionist character by the claim that these were "not to change CPI(M-L)'s line," but merely to "create more detailed tactics to deal with the realities which had not been formerly dealt with" - so they alleged. Thus it was in a most deceptive fashion that these revisionists presented their so-called "new ideas", but - in the end - through the struggle of the Central Committee it became clear that their lines were totally revisionist and boiled down to the following

positions :

*** that CPI(M-L) should adopt the pro-British imperialist theory of the anti-communist "British and Irish Communist Organisation" that Ireland contains "two nations".

*** that CPI(M-L) should adopt the similar pro-British imperialist theory of the anti-communist and Soviet revisionist "Socialist Party of Ireland" (not merged into the anti-national Democratic Socialist Party of Kemmy) that the "Irish revolution" - as they called it - was a "socialist revolution in the two states, with national unity not a priority".

*** that CPI(M-L) should adopt the common Trotskyite theory that "the protestant workers are fascist" and that the Irish working class is irrevocably divided on sectarian lines with the workers of protestant background being indissolubly "united with the Unionist bourgeoisie in a Unionist monolith supporting British imperialism".

During 1980, the Central Committee resisted and prevented the Party adopting these positions which the revisionists demanded, the only publication coming in a local pamphlet on the H-Block struggle which was illegally issued in violation of the line of the Central Committee and which was immediately withdrawn.

But all these positions amounted to an all out attack on the just democratic struggle of the Irish people and the revolutionary patriotic line which the CPI(M-L) had always formerly upheld with credit. It was an attempt to liquidate the healthy and essential revolutionary activity of CPI(M-L), bring the Party to a complete halt through this reactionary "debate", and through liquidationism create the internal conditions most favourable for the revisionists to lead the CPI(M-L) down the path of the revisionists of the so-called "communist Party of Ireland and the "British and Irish Communist Organisation" towards the betrayal of the working class and the Irish people and the Irish revolution itself -- revisionist lines which CPI(M-L) had always resolutely fought since its foundation.

The Central Committee repudiated :-

c) REVISIONIST LINES OF BOURGEOIS TRADE UNIONISM AND REFORMISM.

The promotion of revisionist lines to conciliate and collaborate with the revisionists, social-democrats and opportunists, and, in general, with the labour aristocracy controlling the trade unions, under the hoax that this was "repudiating the main error of CPI(M-L)'s past under the Maoist influence, "left sectarianism", which became a trend in articles on the workers' struggles in "Red Patriot" during 1979, in particular for a short time support for the slogan of the labour aristocracy in the campaign against the burden of P.A.Y.E. income tax, "Tax the Greedy, not the Needy" which had been developed by the revisionist so-called "Sinn Fein the Workers' Party". Such positions also appeared in the replace-

ment newspaper which the revisionists imposed on the Party after the closure of "Red Patriot" during 1980.

This so-called "repudiation of left-sectarianism" and their so-called "new line" of "integrating with the mass struggles" was an attempt by these revisionists to wipe out the revolutionary position of the Marxist-Leninist Party in the working class and set CPI(M-L) on the same course as the revisionist "C"PI i.e. to transform CPI(M-L) into another reformist trade unionist party of the labour aristocracy.

d) BETRAYAL OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST REVOLUTION ABROAD

The Central Committee repudiated :

The revisionist line of attacking the revolutionary democratic struggles of national liberation abroad, which these revisionists tried to impose on CPI(M-L) as part and parcel of its anti-national and anti-revolutionary line on the patriotic Irish struggle, in particular manifested in certain articles in "Red Patriot" in 1979 which attacked the heroic anti-imperialist struggle of the Iranian people as simply the replacement of the reactionary regime of the fascist Shah by a reactionary religious despotism -- a line borrowed from the Trotskyites.

The Central Committee repudiated :-

e) REVISIONIST FACTIONAL, LIQUIDATIONIST AND SPLITTIST ATTACK ON THE BOLSHEVIK UNITY AND MILITANT ACTIVITY OF CPI(M-L)

The hoax of these revisionists that, in promoting factionalism, splittism and liquidationism in the Party, this was to so-called "repudiate Maoist two line struggle in the Party". This meant nothing less than the attempt to overthrow the healthy tradition of struggle in CPI(M-L) for Bolshevik, steered unity of the Party and unity of theory and practice in the Party around the Party's single Marxist-Leninist line, which had been a hallmark of CPI(M-L) since its foundation, despite the adverse effects of Mao's theory of "two line struggle".

This line of these revisionists led the Party close to actual liquidation through the closure of the Party's central organ "Red Patriot" and the Party's bookshop and headquarters, into a period of liquidationist inactivity and passivity as a Party lasting through 1980 until the central committee's March Plenum of 1982 and the subsequent re-introduction of "Red Patriot" this May Day. The full extent of the liquidationist aims of these revisionist cliques can be seen from the so-called serious - actually treacherous - "proposal" for the formal dissolution of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) on the hoax that "possibly CPI(M-L) had played more of a role of reaction than of progress in the Irish revolution under Maoism, and therefore the Party itself constituted an obstacle to the building of the genuine Marxist-Leninist party" !?! Their sinister revisionist liquidationist aim was fully born out when these revisionist cliques eventually split from the Marxist-Leninist Party in order to set up their own revisionist sects to continue their attacks and attempts to destroy the CPI(M-L).

EXPULSION OF THE REVISIONISTS FROM CPI(M-L)

The Special Consultative Conference of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) militantly approved the struggle of the Central Committee and the important assistance of the fraternal parties in this struggle, which was elaborated in the Central Committee Report, and applauded the decision of the Central Committee to formally expel these revisionists - Carole Evans, Alan Evans and David Vipond -- from the Central Committee and from the Marxist-Leninist Party for their criminal splittism and hostility to the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) and the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement.

Whatever the subsequent changes of political line by these revisionists and their cliques (and these have been varied, arbitrary and opportunist), events and the facts have shown conclusively that the guiding intention and political motivation behind all their activities from the period at the end of 1977 - behind the anti-internationalist line of "asserting the independence of CPI(M-L), the reactionary "debate about CPI(M-L)'S line on the relation of the national question to the class struggle for socialism", closure of the Party's bookshop and "changing the name of "Red Patriot" - actually liquidating the essential central organ of the Party :- all these things were with the sole aim of liquidating the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) as the revolutionary party of the Irish proletariat, based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. And this was to be finally proven by the desertion of the Party by Carole Evans and Alan Evans in November 1981, and the desertion of David Vipond in May 1982, in order to set up their anti-party sects, when their criminal and revisionist lines had become fully exposed in the Central Committee and they had refused to make self-criticism and unite around the correct Marxist-Leninist line and unite with the Marxist-Leninist party. For such unity in the single communist party of the proletariat is the duty of all Marxist-Leninists. The splittism and hostility of these revisionists towards the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), which is the genuine and the only revolutionary party of the Irish working class, proves that these individuals no longer have the Bolshevik character of genuine Marxist-Leninists and have degenerated into revisionists; and the CPI(M-L) earnestly warns the working class and all progressive, democratic and patriotic people to be vigilant against their disruptionist and counter-revolutionary activities against the proletariat and its Party, against the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, and against the unity of the people in the Irish revolution and the unity of the international proletariat in the proletarian socialist revolution.

The expulsion and public denunciation of these revisionists marks a decisive break with the liquidationism and revisionist lines of recent years, which they tried to impose on CPI(M-L) in order to turn our Party into a revisionist Party. The successful repulse of this, the most serious internal revisionist attack on the very existence of CPI(M-L), launched by some of the

-- formerly -- most respected leading cadres of the Party, is a great victory for the Central Committee and for the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist). This struggle, made with the valuable assistance of our fraternal Marxist-Leninist parties, has enabled the Central Committee and the Special Consultative Conference to militantly repudiate the various revisionist deviations imposed temporarily by these revisionists, which has been essential to the full re-establishment of the revolutionary internationalist Bolshevik character of CPI(M-L) and its re-launching into the class struggle along the Party's historically correct and revolutionary Marxist-Leninist political line.

4) BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMME OF CPI(M-L).

The Special Consultative Conference thoroughly discussed and militantly approved the detailed re-statement and further elaboration of the Marxist-Leninist positions of the CPI(M-L) in the Central Committee Report, now that these revisionist lines have been fully purged. In summary these positions are as follows :-

a) CPI(M-L) is based on Marxism-Leninism, the universal principles of the proletarian science and ideology developed by the great leaders and teachers of the world's proletariat - Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. It is the task and responsibility of CPI(M-L) to integrate these universal principles in revolutionary practice in the concrete conditions of the revolution in Ireland. The organisational line of CPI(M-L) is Bolshevik democratic centralism.

b) CPI(M-L) upholds proletarian internationalism and the unity of the international working class on the line of Marxism Leninism and embodied in the unity of the fraternal parties of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement.

c) CPI(M-L) upholds the struggle of the proletariat to achieve world proletarian socialist revolution, embodied in the great achievement of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, led by the Party of Labour of Albania, headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha. Socialist Albania is the only genuine and successful socialist country in the world and is the bastion of socialism in the world today, and is defended by CPI(M-L) as by all the genuine communists and working class of the world.

d) CPI(M-L) denounces and fights the Soviet revisionists, led by the Khrushchev/Brezhnev clique, who overthrew the genuine socialist system of Lenin and Stalin in the Soviet Union and in the country's of people's democracy in Eastern Europe (except where it was successfully resisted in Albania); who split the world communist movement and turned most of the old communist parties (such as the "Communist" Party of Ireland) into revisionist parties with their anti-Leninist line of "the peaceful parliamentary road to socialism", "the Chilean experiment of Allende" etc.; and who transformed the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact into an aggressive social-imperialist superpower, attacking and suppressing the democratic rights of the peoples and working class of Czechoslovakia, Poland etc. and launching wars of colonial aggression against the people of Afghanistan, and neo-col-

onial wars by proxy, through the use of Cuban and other puppet troops in various African countries etc.

e) CPI(M-L) denounces and fights the Chinese revisionists and their whole anti-Marxist-Leninist theory of "Mao-Zedong Thought", and their policy to advance China as another social-imperialist contender for super-power status and for world hegemony, presently basing their advance on their alliance with U.S. imperialism while they hypocritically try to camouflage their pretensions and actual aggression (for instance against the Vietnamese people) with demagogic "Marxist-Leninist" verbiage, sometimes declaring their so-called "opposition to the two superpowers" etc.

Likewise CPI(M-L) fights all other trends of revisionism, such as Titoite revisionism, Eurocommunism etc., social democracy, Trotskyism and opportunism of all hues -- whilst CPI(M-L) considers, along with the other Marxist-Leninist parties, that right revisionism, in particular Khrushchevite revisionism, constitutes the main danger to the communist movement today.

f) CPI(M-L) opposes and fights against U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism as the two superpowers who head the coalition of NATO and the Warsaw Pact, and in one way or another have divided all the countries of the world - with the exception of Socialist Albania - into two contending blocs in preparation for another world war for total hegemony, and who are behind the constant local wars to suppress the people's and the workers' struggles and incitement of nations to attack one another throughout the world.

g) CPI(M-L) actively supports the struggle of the working class of all countries and the peoples and nations who are militantly fighting against imperialism and the two superpowers for national and social liberation, and fighting to stay the hand of the imperialist warmongers from launching another world war.

CPI(M-L) recognises the disturbed, complicated and tense situation in the world today, where the revolutionary forces throughout the world are confronting the reactionary forces ever more vigorously and resolutely, where there can be no room for pessimism, while on the other hand there can be no euphoria, for the dangers of war, fascism and reaction are very grave indeed. The views of CPI(M-L) are in accord with the assessment of the international situation outlined in the Report of the 8th Congress of the PLA of November 1981 of Comrade Enver Hoxha, where he says :

"Everything indicates that the present situation in the world could give rise to general and local wars, just as it may give rise to liberation wars and revolution." The development of events will show whether imperialism will be able to lead the world to a new catastrophe or whether the peoples will prevent the war and save mankind. "

Specifically, CPI(M-L) makes its own contribution to the world proletarian socialist revolution and the overthrow of imperialism, without which imperialist exploitation and the threat of local or world war cannot be ended, through its work to politically organise the working class and the people of Ireland for the revolution to overthrow British imperialism and establish the socialist system in a genuinely free, independent and united Irish nation state.

h) CPI(M-L) as the party of the Irish proletariat stands for revolution, as opposed to the revisionist illusions of reformism, as the only means to achieve both national and social emancipation and works at all times in a revolutionary way to prepare the conditions for the revolution, exploiting all methods and forms of struggle, both legal and illegal, such as parliamentary struggle where the tactics are appropriate, but basing the party on its illegal work as a part of revolutionary action.

The goal of the working class is to achieve socialism through the establishment of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, and CPI(M-L) organises the working class around this revolutionary line and with the perspective of this goal in all the day to day struggles of the workers against exploitation and oppression, including the revolutionary patriotic struggle.

CPI(M-L) recognises the central importance of the revolutionary, democratic, patriotic struggle for national liberation against British imperialism in the Irish revolution. The Party works to unite the Irish people around the most revolutionary class, the working class, building its Marxist-Leninist party, in the course of the struggle to overthrow British imperialism and its evil colonial rule in the north, to overthrow partition and re-unite the whole Irish nation and the country in genuine independence. In this struggle against the age-old national oppressor of the Irish people, British imperialism, CPI(M-L) opposes the collaborationist Irish monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie, who assist the British imperialists in their stock tactic of "divide and rule" to divide the Irish people and set them at loggerheads with each other on the sectarian lines which British imperialism has incited by indoctrination and fascist terror, and who assist the British imperialists in suppressing the patriotic struggle, north and south, as well as the struggle of the working class to achieve socialism.

The revolutionary patriotic struggle is the central democratic struggle and is central to preparing the conditions for the proletarian socialist revolution in Ireland, while the establishment of socialism under the Dictatorship of the Proletariat is itself, in the final analysis the only sure guarantee for the consolidation of national independence for the Irish people, as this is the only means to cut off the roots of native sell-out and foreign imperialist enslavement and exploitation, through the elimination of the capitalist system and the exploiting bourgeoisie in Ireland.

The Marxist-Leninist line of CPI(M-L) is to provide leadership and actively fight in both the democratic national struggle and the class struggle of the proletariat for socialism, ensuring that in these two struggles -- the questions of national liberation and socialism are neither, on the one hand, eclectically fused together, nor, on the other hand, are they separated by a Chinese wall.

In addition, CPI(M-L) is active in all the mass democratic struggles, works in the various mass organisations and also to create revolutionary mass organisations, against imperialist war and the monopoly bourgeoisie's incitement of world war; against the policy of the imperialists and the Irish bourgeoisie to impose the burden of their crisis on the backs of the working people through unemployment, higher taxation

and exploitation etc.; for the rights of women against discrimination, exploitation and oppression and for the emancipation of women; for the rights of the youth against their criminalisation, degeneration and the attempts of the bourgeoisie and the imperialists to mobilise them for imperialist war and for reaction; for the democratic rights of the working class and the people of Ireland and all other countries against the daily development of fascism by the monopoly bourgeoisie, the denial of their democratic and trade union rights, against the incitement of racism, national chauvinism and sectarianism and other forms of reaction and fascism to divide and suppress the people etc.

The Special Consultative Conference also discussed and approved the basic tasks of the Party elaborated by the Central Committee, for the coming period, including the decision to hold CPI(M-L)'s First Congress in the course of the next two years.

The Special Consultative Conference warmly welcomed a delegation from the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) which took part in the proceedings of the conference. A speech by a representative of the central committee of the British party was enthusiastically received by the conference.

Finally, on behalf of the Party, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) gives a red salute to the Party of Labour of Albania, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and to all the other fraternal parties of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, on the occasion of CPI(M-L)'s 12th Anniversary!

The CPI(M-L) gives a red salute to the struggles of the working class and the peoples and nations for revolution, for both national and social liberation, in Ireland and throughout the world; It pledges that our Party will work militantly to make our contribution to the revolution in Ireland and throughout the world, working for the unity of the proletariat and the revolutionary peoples and nations through strengthening the unity of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, and through waging the patriotic and class struggles in Ireland!

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Centenary of the Birth of Georgi Dimitrov.

DIMITROV'S LIFE'S WORK IS IMMORTAL!

This year marks the centenary of the birth of Georgi Dimitrov.

Dimitrov was one of the greatest sons of the Bulgarian working class and the Bulgarian nation. He was a lifelong fighter for the revolutionary party of the Bulgarian proletariat from the time he started work in the printing industry at the age of 13. As a staunch fighter against the opportunist wing of the Bulgarian workers' movement, Dimitrov immediately appreciated the lessons of the Great October Socialist Revolution, became a pupil of Lenin and made Marxism-Leninism his own theory. He made great contributions to the

work to Bolshevise the Bulgarian party, and in his work for the Third, Communist International fought to implement this line in the other European parties during the long periods of his enforced exile from Bulgaria where he was under sentence of death. In the international communist movement, Dimitrov was notable as a comrade of Stalin, who fought against right opportunism and Bukharinism, and against "left" opportunism and Trotskyism.

Dimitrov's name is inseparable from the great triumph which he achieved by his militant and skilful defence at the notorious Reichstag Fire Trial in 1933. This trial



Georgi Dimitrov

which Hitler and his henchmen Goering and Goebbels hoped to use as a propaganda show-piece against the German Communist Party and Comintern, Dimitrov turned into a rostrum for the exposure of nazism and fascism in front of the whole world, and even the Nazi court was forced to acquit Dimitrov and his comrades.

Dimitrov went on to play an important role as one of the main leaders of the international communist movement. It was Dimitrov, as the loyal pupil of Stalin, who made the historic Report at the 7th Congress of the Communist International in 1935 which elaborated the line of the united front, which was to lead to the successful defeat of fascism by 1946 in Europe and the Far East. In that report Dimitrov stigmatised the opportunist analysis being made at the time by the social-democrats, that fascism was the seizure of state power by the petty bourgeoisie, or state power over and above classes (such theories still being peddled by Trotskyites and other opportunists), and correctly characterised fascism as an instrument of the monopoly capitalist class.

Just as Comrade Stalin became the object of revisionist attack by the Trotskyites and Khrushchevites and others, so has Dimitrov his pupil and comrade. In particular the calumny has been levelled against Dimitrov, that it was the line of the united front "which gave rise to revisionism in the old communist parties". But this

A photomontage by German artist John Heartfield. Satirical view of the Reichstag Fire Trial as Dimitrov towers over Goering



DIMITROV

GOERING

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Labour of Albania, correctly applied the line of the anti-fascist united front, led the united front and carried through the defeat of fascism and the victory of democracy with the establishment of real democracy for the working people through socialist revolution.

Comrade Dimitrov carried on his life and work as a great communist militant of the Bulgarian and the inter-

national proletariat to the end. He vigorously took part, as the Prime Minister of the Bulgarian People's Republic, in the condemnation of Tito and the Yugoslav revisionists.

Dimitrov died in 1949; his death was a great loss for the Bulgarian people and for the international proletariat. But the contribution which Dimitrov made in his life and work is immortal!

Albania's Stand against Arms Race at U.N.

At the Second Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on Disarmament, the representative of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, Abdi Baleta, spoke. He said amongst other things:

If we cast a glance on the present world situation, we shall see that it is turbulent, complicated and much more aggravated than four years ago, when the first session on disarmament was held. During this period, the rivalry between the USA and the Soviet Union for hegemony and world domination has increased further. In order to achieve their expansionist aims, the superpowers practise more intensively the policy from the position of strength in international relations. Examples which prove this are numerous. Imperialist interference and aggression continue in the Middle East.....

An explosive situation is created now in all of the Persian Gulf zone. The USA and the Soviet Union are launching up successive intrigues against the brave and freedom-loving Iranian people. The Soviet social imperialists launched an open aggression against Afghanistan and continue to maintain occupation of it. In the South Atlantic, British imperialism, which does not want to give up its old colonial policy, and backed by US imperialism, adopted the gun-boat policy and that of blockade against the people of Argent-

ina. Thus, the USA and the aggressive NATO block showed their true aims towards the peoples of Latin America.

Now it is already clear, and numerous facts testify to this, that the superpowers have turned practically all the regions of the world into arenas of political, economic and military clashes, that there is no hotbed, no armed conflict in any of the continents where their hand has not been seen. All these are evidence of the fact that the imperialist powers, particularly, the USA and the Soviet Union, have become more savage and aggressive in international relations.

Further on the Albanian representative said:

For several years now the superpowers have begun and continue talks and bargainings between them on the so-called disarmament as well. Both sides have accompanied these talks with a clamorous propaganda. The truth is that all this propaganda on disarmament aims at covering up the armaments race, disarming the sovereign and freedom-loving peoples and states, so as to impose their domination more easily on them. The leader of the Albanian people Comrade Enver Hoxha has said: "The beautiful words, poured out about disarmament at the UNO and the various international conferences organised by the imperialists, are demagogy. They have created and are guarding their monopoly of strategic weapons and are trafficking in arms on a large scale, not to guarantee the peace and security of nations, but to draw superprofits and to suppress the revolution and the peoples, to unleash aggressive wars."

It can never be expected that the problem of disarmament will be solved by the so-called Soviet-US dialogue, behind which lurk the bargains struck by the superpowers at the expense of the peoples and sovereign countries.....

With regard to the initiatives for "zones of peace", or "areas without nuclear weapons", the course of events in the world shows that they cannot be created because of the fact that peace and security on a regional scale cannot be detached from international security.

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Under these international conditions, when the global strategy of imperialism and social imperialism through the force of arms aims at establishing world domination, when they are plotting by all manner of means to set the peoples and small and middle-sized countries against one another, it is indispensable that the freedom-loving peoples and countries forcefully and openly expose their expansionist and hegemonic policy. The solidarity and unity of the peoples is a great force; their constant strengthening and the resolute struggle to expose and isolate imperialism is an historic necessity....

Although the superpowers have a great economic and military potential and try to pose as if they are invincible, reality shows the opposite. The history of the latest decades provides numerous examples of the triumph of the peoples in their just



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struggle for freedom and national independence against the imperialist powers.

The Albanian people and the People's Socialist Republic of Albania resolutely oppose the armaments race and the aggressive policy of the United States of America and the Soviet Union, which are the most savage

enemies of the freedom and independence of the peoples.

The delegation of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania upholds the view that disarmament cannot be realised on the will of those powers, which have as the basis of their policy in international relations the use of force, the suffocation of the freedom of the peoples and their exploitation. The freedom-loving and democratic states, which try sincerely for the preservation of peace, should fight to liquidate the aggressive blocs of NATO and the Warsaw Treaty, for the withdrawal of US and Soviet troops from Europe and from any other region of the world; they should not allow their navies to enter and leave the seaports of other countries, either under the pretext of "friendly" visits or for aims of supply and repairing.

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9th Congress of Trade Unions in Albania

The 9th Congress of the Albanian Trade Unions was held in Tirana from June 6-9. This was an important event for the Albanian working class and people and the proletariat of all countries. The Central Council of the ATU has published a pamphlet called "The Albanian Trade Unions in Struggle for the Socialist Construction of the Country". "Red Patriot" is publishing extracts from this document.

The pamphlet begins by explaining the aims and objectives of the 9th Congress of the ATU; to analyse the great work done in the construction of socialism by the working class during the past five years, to sum up the experience gained in the communist education of the working class and to define the tasks for the next period. The pamphlet then goes on to explain the role of the trade unions in Socialist Albania:



VIEW OF THE DELEGATES AT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 9TH CONGRESS OF THE ALBANIAN TRADE UNIONS IN TIRANA. JUNE 6th- 9th

"The Albanian Trade Unions organisation which was founded on the initiative and under the direct guidance of the Party of Labour of Albania, on February 11, 1945, immediately after the liberation of the country from the fascist occupiers and the establishment of the people's power, is a socio-political organisation of the working class and other working people. It unites all the workers and employees of the country on a voluntary

basis and acts as an organisation of the broad masses with a class and political character, as an integral part of the system of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

"The Albanian Trade Unions carry out their activity on the basis of the General line and directives of the Party of Labour of Albania, and this constitutes the reliable guarantee for the defence of the fundamental interests of the

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working class for the complete construction of socialist society, for the all-round development of the economy and culture, for the continuous raising of the material and cultural well-being of the working masses.

THE ALBANIAN TRADE UNIONS - SCHOOLS OF COMMUNIST EDUCATION OF THE WORKING PEOPLE.

The pamphlet continues:

"The main job of the Albanian trade Unions is the work with people, the revolutionary education of the working people. They are schools of communist education. At the the 8th Congress of the PLA, Comrade Enver Hoxha stressed, 'The Party has charged the Trade Unions with major tasks for the ideo-political and technical-professional education of the working class, in order to make it capable of successfully carrying out the tasks, not only in the field of production but also in all the other fields of the life of the country, of taking part actively in the management of state and social affairs and of exercising its control, as the class in power, over everything and everybody'. In performing this duty, they carry out a great deal of work to raise the ideo-political, cultural and professional level of the working class. The higher this level, the more the working class is imbued with the Marxist-Leninist ideology and the more elevated it is from the education, cultural and professional standpoint, the better it will carry out its role as the leading class of the country and the more successes will be achieved in the all-round economic, cultural and social development.

IN ALBANIA THE WORKING CLASS IS IN POWER

The pamphlet explains that : "In Albania the working class is in power. It has the political power in its hands and under the guidance of its Party of Labour, it sets the tone for the entire life of the country. This leading role is sanctioned in the Constit-



Workers in Albania studying 'Zeri i Popullit'- newspaper of the Party of Labour of Albania.

ution of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania which says : "The People's Socialist Republic of Albania is based on the unity of the people around the Party of Labour of Albania and it has as its foundation the alliance of the working class with the cooperativist peasantry under the leadership of the working class ". Therefore the working class is not only the main productive force, but also the main leading force. Its word carries weight in all fields of the life of our society. There are no problems of the policy of the Party and State in which the working class does not take part actively to ensure their successful solution. This is the most profound expression of socialist democracy.

THE WORKING CLASS IS TRAINED IN EVERY ASPECT TO TAKE PART ACTIVELY IN THE GOVERNING OF THE COUNTRY.

Further on the pamphlet explains that "The Party of Labour has taken care to ensure that the working class is trained to take part actively in the governing of the country. "

"The Albanian Trade Unions work to ensure that the art of management is thoroughly mastered by the working class and serves the solution of the great problems to which the further development of the socialist society gives rise.

"The direct control by the working class under the leader-

ship of the Party has great importance in increasing the participation of the working class in running the country. The Trade Unions work so that the working class and the working masses speak out powerfully against any deviation from the line of the Party and decisions of the State. They organise the rendering of account to the workers by the administrations of enterprises, the examination of problems which emerge and the defining of joint tasks for their solution. "

THE WORKER WORKS WITH THE MOTIVE OF CONTRIBUTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO SOCIETY.

The pamphlet points out : "A very important front on which the Albanian Trade Unions operate is that of the all-round development of the economy and culture. They organise the socialist emulation and the socialist competitions. The enterprises, sectors and brigades where high results are achieved are transformed into schools of the dissemination of advanced experience. To encourage and reward outstanding workers, extensive use is made of moral stimuli, putting up their names and photographs on honours boards, awarding certificates and decorations. The worker in Socialist Albania is happy when the whole society is happy. He works with this motive to contribute as much as possible to society, to

fulfil and overfulfill the tasks of the plan for the strengthening of the people's power and the defence capacity of the country. In socialism the general interest is not in opposition to the personal interests of the working people. When we say that the general interest has priority, this in no way means ignoring individual interests. In socialism the general interest is pursued not as an aim in itself, but to serve the fulfilment of the legitimate needs of the working people, the well-being of the people". "

The latter part of the pamphlet deals with the tremendous advances which have been made by the working class in Albania in the construction of socialism and showing the immense superiority of the socialist system over capitalism:

SOCIALIST ALBANIA IS CHARACTERISED BY GREAT ECONOMIC STABILITY.

The pamphlet points out : "In Albania, everybody without exception is paid according to his work. The ratio between the wage of the workers with that of the director in a ministry is 1:2, one of the most democratic ratios in the world, at a time when in the capitalist - revisionist countries this reaches 1:20/30.

"The achievements of the working class in the social field are colossal. In Albania there is no unemployment or emigration. The planned development of the economy and the high rates of growth ensure jobs for everyone.

"At a time when inflation in the capitalist world is mounting to ever greater heights, socialist Albania is characterised by a great economic stability, there is no inflation, the market has ample supplies of goods and prices are stable. The people pay no taxes or levies of any kind. The health and education system are free of charge for all the working people of town and countryside. Expenditure on social-cultural measures takes up one quarter of the state budget. From these funds every family gains a supplementary amount of about 4,000 leks. The socialist state covers 65% of the costs of keeping the children in kindergartens and creches, while house rents are low, equivalent to a workers' wage for one or two days per month. About 80% of the population live in the new apartments and houses built during the years of the people's power.

"In Albania a complete system of social security has been set up. The workers enjoy the right to social security payments when they temporarily lose their capacity to work, payments which amount to 70-85% of the normal wage and is payable from the very first day of the incapacity. In cases of incapacity for work caused by accidents at work or occupational diseases, the social security benefit is 95-100% of the normal wage. The working people enjoy the right to old age pensions, which are differentiated according to the difficulty of their jobs.

Men become eligible for the full pension at 50-55 and 60 years of age after 20-25 years at work, and women at 45-50 and 55 years of age after 15-20 years at work. The pension paid is 70% of their average wage. Women enjoy the right to six months paid maternity leave. All workers enjoy the right to paid leave and holidays in the rest homes which have been built in the most beautiful places and are administered by the Trade Unions. An extensive network of schools covers the whole country. One out of every 3-4 people in Albania is attending school.

"Special care is shown for the people's health. The health service has been extended all over the country, in town and countryside. Today, there is an average of one doctor or dentist per every 600 inhabitants, compared with one to 10,000 in 1938. The average life expectancy has increased to about 70 years, from 38 years in 1938. The population is increasing rapidly. Today Albania has 2,600,000 inhabitants i.e., compared to before liberation, the population has increased over 2.5 fold.

"All these victories are testimony to the superiority and the vitality of our socialist order. They show what a people, however small in number, are capable of achieving, when they are free, sovereign and led by a Marxist-Leninist Party, when they have chosen the road of socialism".

NEW PRICE REDUCTIONS IN SOCIALIST ALBANIA

ON JUNE 5, the day before the opening of the 9th Congress of the Albanian Trade Unions, the Council of Ministers of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania announced reductions in the price of various mass commodity goods and of many public services.

The prices of certain items, including meat, clothing, shoes, televisions, radios, washing machines, bicycles, prams, kitchen utensils, watches, etc., were reduced by amounts ranging from 7-35%, whilst the price of various public services fell by 8-15½%.

There is no inflation in Socialist Albania. The only changes in prices which have taken place since liberation in 1944 are reductions in prices. This is in stark contrast to the serious and ever-growing burden on the people caused by the continually soaring prices in the capitalist and revisionist countries.

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HAIL THE 12th ANNIVERSARY OF CPI(M-L)!

On Sunday, 4th July, a militant and lively social was held to celebrate the 12th Anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist). The presence of a delegation from our fraternal party, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) was warmly welcomed and applauded by the whole gathering.

The room in which the social was held was decorated with red banners and slogans: "Long live the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist)! Long Live the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)! Long Live Proletarian Internationalism! Glory to Marxism-Leninism! Long Live the Peoples's Socialist Republic of Albania". In addition, on display was a historic banner of 1968, from the days of the Internationalists. A literature stall displayed the organ of the Central Committee of CPI(M-L) - "Red Patriot", "Workers' Weekly" of the RCPB(M-L), magazines and periodicals and pamphlets from the People's Socialist Republic of Albania and the PLA and the works of Comrade Enver Hoxha and a selection of Marxist-Leninist classics.

A spokesman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) addressed the gathering on behalf of the Party with a militant speech outlining the main conclusions of the recently held Special Consultative Conference of the Party (See Communiqué of the Central Committee inside). In this speech, the spokesman made public the Party's denunciation of the criminal lines and splittist and liquidationist activities of the revisionists Carole Evans (formerly Reakes), Alan Evans, and David Vipond -- who had come up inside the Central Committee since late 1977 with a vicious internal attack in an attempt to turn CPI(M-L) into another revisionist party, to destroy

CPI(M-L) as the essential Marxist-Leninist headquarters of the Irish proletariat and to alienate the Party from the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement. The spokesman explained how the Central Committee had eventually unmasked this, the most serious and sinister internal attack on the very existence of CPI(M-L), and paid tribute to the valuable assistance of our fraternal party, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) and other fraternal comrades, to the Central Committee's struggle to overcome this revisionist attack. The spokesman concluded with the news that the Special Consultative Conference had recently been held and had set the path for a most vigorous programme of activity by the CPI(M-L) on the Party's historically correct line, now restated and further elaborated in the Report of the Central Committee.

This news, which marks a historic turning point and a new beginning for the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) after a period of serious liquidationism and inactivity imposed on the Party by the revisionists over the last two years or so, was greeted by great enthusiasm. This news, indeed, made the celebration of the 12th Anniversary an occasion to be remembered!

Then the spokesman of the delegation from the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) was called to speak and was greeted with warm applause. The spokesman expressed the sincere congratulations and warm fraternal internationalist feelings of their Party for CPI(M-L) on the occasion of this, our 12th Anniversary, and especially on the tremendous new prospects for the success of the Party which the delegation of the RCPB(M-L) had seen at the Special Consultative Conference held recently. RCPB(M-L) warmly applauded the conclusions of the the Party's conference, the

victory over the revisionists and the tasks which the Party had set itself in the coming period. The spokesman explained the views of the RCPB(M-L) on the great responsibilities and tasks, as well as the great prospects for the success of the revolution, which lie on the Marxist-Leninist parties in the disturbed, complicated and tense situation which prevails in the world today. The revolutionary working class and anti-imperialist peoples and nations are confronting the imperialists, headed by the two superpowers, in a great struggle to stay the hand of imperialism and put a stop to their plans for world war, to thwart the plans of imperialism to unload the burden of the whole imperialist crisis onto the backs of the working people, their plans to impose fascism etc. RCPB(M-L) are working vigorously in all these fields to educate and arouse the people to support the anti-imperialist and socialist struggle abroad, including the struggle of the Irish people against British imperialism's colonial rule, and to mobilise the workers for the revolution as the only means to end the imperialist threat of war, the only way out of the crisis and the only path of the workers to socialism and the abolition of the exploitation of man by man under capitalism.

The speech of the representative of the RCPB(M-L) was received with enthusiastic applause and the social finished with the singing of one of the songs of CPI(M-L) - "Dawn is Breaking" and the "Internationale".

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