

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF N.A.I.J.

Resolution No. 1

REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE
NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

It is necessary at this time that the National Association for Irish Justice clarify its position on the struggle for civil rights in Northern Ireland.

Be it therefore resolved that the National Association for Irish Justice supports unequivocally the demands advanced by the Civil Rights Association, and that primary emphasis of the organization be placed on the civil rights movement at this time.

Further, that on the question of civil rights in Northern Ireland, the National Association for Irish Justice will advance and articulate the position of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association.

Resolution No. 2

POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Many persons in the North of Ireland are being held in prison for participating in the civil rights struggle. At the same time persons who attacked an unarmed minority go free.

The National Association for Irish Justice recommends that local groups establish an Irish Defence Fund to bring pressure on the British Government to free all political prisoners and aid in the defence of the oppressed people of Northern Ireland.

Resolution No. 3

SELF-DEFENCE

The National Association for Irish Justice recognises that economically oppressed people who are discriminated against and brutalised cannot sit idly by while their homes are burned to the ground from under them when they demand equal justice and dignity under the law.

The National Association for Irish Justice believes in the principle of armed self defense. We extend our full support to the efforts of the oppressed in the six counties of Northern Ireland to defend themselves by any means necessary from the forces of Orange bigotry represented by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the Special Constabulary ("B" Specials), the Ulster Volunteer Force, and all others who attack them.

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Resolution No. 3 (Continued)

This expression of solidarity also extends to resistance against the armed forces of the United Kingdom, recognising as we do that British Imperialism is the root cause of the problem in Ireland.

Further it is resolved that the National Association for Irish Justice recognising the necessity for self-defense supports the formation of Citizen Defense Committees in Northern Ireland.

Resolution No. 4

STUDENT'S RESOLUTION

This resolution was referred without prejudice to Students For Irish Justice.

Resolution No. 5

UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION

The National Association for Irish Justice recognises that the ancient civilization of Ireland functioned politically under a communal system known as the "Brehon Code".

British Imperialism saw as its primary objective the destruction of this system which was based on the common ownership of the land of Ireland by the people of Ireland. This objective was designed to perpetuate British Dominion over Ireland.

The economic oppression which followed defined by the slogan "To Hell or to Connaught" resulted in the Irish becoming a migratory race. Consequently Irish people form large minority blocks in large areas of the world.

It is the intention of the National Association for Irish Justice to direct the energies of these forces within the United States towards ultimate freedom of the Irish people.

The United Nations through its various committees, conventions, and general assembly is an appropriate arena for world government representatives to discuss and declare their government's position on the present crisis in the North of Ireland.

The National Association for Irish Justice therefore demands that the Irish Government raise the question of civil rights in Northern Ireland at the United Nations through the vehicle of the Committee on Human Rights and the Committee of 23 on colonialism.

Further that the Irish Government raise the total question at the General Assembly of the United Nations for full discussion by the world governments represented.

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Resolution No. 5 (Continued)

The executive committee of the National Association for Irish Justice will use direct action and other political methods to implement this resolution.

Resolution No. 6BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS

For more than a year now the civil rights movement has striven to win basic human rights for the oppressed people of the six of Northern Ireland.

Under extreme provocation and violence the civil rights movement has conducted a non-violent agitational campaign for reforms.

The Westminster and Stormont government has not responded to the demands of the Civil Rights Association with anything more than vague promises of some action in the future.

The National Association for Irish Justice understands that it is necessary to bring economic pressure to bear against Great Britain in order to achieve even minimal concessions.

Therefore the National Association for Irish Justice calls upon the peoples of the world to join with us in initiating a boycott of all British goods and services.

The N.A.I.J. will implement this program by using all legal means at our disposal. Primary emphasis will be placed on coordinating national demonstrations and other activities throughout the United States. Efforts will also be made to gain support from other countries throughout the world.

British Motors is one of the largest single export items to the United States. The National Association for Irish Justice will therefore direct its initial energies against British Motors Corporation Products.

The National Association for Irish Justice will not attempt to carry out the above, without the consent of the Civil Rights Association.

Resolution No. 7N. A. I. J. RESOLUTION ON INTERNAL U. S. POLITICS

For many years now politicians and political parties within the United States have given lip service to the cause of Irish Freedom while at the same time extending loans and other financial aid to the British Government.

The National Association for Irish Justice demands that all affiliated groups give no endorsement or active support to political candidates regardless of party while condemning those politicians that do not endorse and actively support the demands of the N. A. I. J.

We further demand that the U. S. Government support the demands of the C. R. A. and immediately discontinue any further financial or economic aid to the United Kingdom until all the demands have been met.

Resolution No. 8RESOLUTION ON THE TEACHING OF IRISH HISTORY

Recognizing the failure to develop a correct understanding of Irish History on American campuses, The National Association for Irish Justice calls upon colleges and high schools throughout the United States and particularly on campuses with predominantly Irish and Irish-American students to offer courses in Irish language and history as academic subjects.

Resolution No. 8 (continued)

Further, that the N. A. I. J. implement this resolution as expeditiously as possible, with the purpose of educating Irish American students and the American student body at large as to the progressive nature of the Irish Freedom Struggle.

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