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SMASH THE ANGLO~IRISH AGREEMENT 1985 !

Comrade workers, democratic and patriotic people of Ireland !

Friday, November 15th, 1985 - the day on which the governments of the southern Irish "Free" State and of British imperialism signed the Anglo-Irish Agreement 1985 -- will go down in history, along with all the other crimes back to the Anglo-Irish Treaty signed on December 6th, 1921, 64 years ago, as one of the blackest injustices perpetrated against our nation and against the inalienable right of our people to national independence and sovereignty.

This Anglo-Irish Agreement 1985 can only be viewed in the context of the deepening crisis of British imperialism's control over its colony in the north of Ireland. For the fact is that despite their political deceptions, "initiatives and 'divide and rule' policy of creating sectarianism and every conceivable form of direct military suppression, they have been unable to defeat the ongoing patriotic resurgence which has developed over the last 16 years. On the contrary, they have been increasingly exposed as the aggressors they are before the people of Ireland and the world.

This "new" initiative is but another cynical fraud and deception which is aimed at duping the ordinary working people who sincerely desire peace and reconciliation. It is yet a further attempt clearly aimed at re-inforcing and further fuelling their policy of sectarianism. It is yet another stepping up of their military/police suppression of the anti-imperialist movement. It is in short yet another concerted attack on the Irish people as a whole, regardless of religious or ethnic background and our democratic

right to nationhood and freedom from all imperialist interference, by British imperialism with the open connivance and willing collaboration of the Irish traitor bourgeoisie.

It is all of these things, because, firstly, it is based on British imperialism's fascist assertion that the basis of the problems in Ireland originate from two sections of the community in the north possessing two mutually antagonistic aspirations as regards its future status. This is contained in all the sections which deal with the "reconciliation of the two communities" on the basis of "mutual recognition of their different aspirations" and "protection of the rights of both communities are guaranteed by the Northern Ireland state". The specific measures include the involvement of the southern "Free" State regime in a permanent official consultative capacity within "Northern Ireland" to "represent the nationalist community" - whilst at the same time "recognising the rights of the Unionists to remain with Britain", "until a majority decides otherwise". Whilst the Brit-

ish government accepts to recognise the decision of a majority should it decide for a united Ireland in the future, but upholding the existing situation until such a time. Perfidious Albion!

Secondly, the Agreement asserts that the violence in the north is the result of this internecine struggle of "one section of the community" trying to enforce its aspirations onto another and there must be a united effort to suppress this "terrorism". Thus as a major feature of this Agreement is the further co-operation of the "Free" State with the British government to put down any patriotic forces by military and police force. Already they have promised to become signatories to the International Convention against terrorism which will remove all obstacles to extradition and increased policing of the border and harassment of patriots in the south had already been implemented before the Agreement was even signed.

The two governments, with the assistance of the bourgeois media are trying to "sell" the Anglo-Irish Agreement to the Irish people on the basis that they are addressing the "realities of Northern Ireland" - of the "terrorism" and the "sectarian strife", or as they put it: the "alienation of the minority catholic nationalist community" and the "sense of being under threat of forcible unification into an independent

PUBLIC MEETING

FUTURE FOR YOUTH DEPENDS ON TAKING UP REVOLUTION
CONNOLLY HALL

Thursday, November 28th, at 8p.m.

**Communist Party of Ireland
(Marxist-Leninist)**

Cork

DEMONSTRATION

SMASH THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT 1985!
ASSEMBLE AT G.P.O. at 2.30p.m. sharp
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

SPIRIT



FREEDOM

DUBLIN

Ireland and separation from Britain amongst the protestant unionist majority". The bluster and antics of Charles Haughey and Fianna Fail on the one hand and Paisley and the Unionist parties on the other, are playing their part by giving credence to this argument. Whilst they manipulate the good sentiments of the people with the repeated assertion that the "consent of the majority" is the highest and only form of democracy -- which is in fact bourgeois democracy for it negates the question of what is right and what is wrong -- what is in the common interests of all the people as a matter of objective fact. But it is this they wish to conceal by their distortions of objective reality; their distortions of the source of violence in the north today as well as the distortion of the democratic principles on which the people of the north should unite and decide their future together with the rest of the nation.

THE REALITIES OF "NORTHERN IRELAND"

The British imperialists, joined by every party of the Irish bourgeoisie, from the so-called constitutional nationalists of the southern "Free" State and the SDLP in the north, to the various fascist unionist parties, declare that the salient reality and a major problem in the north is "violence". Each of these parties play with this issue from their own point of view -- the British imperialists talking about the "men of violence on both sides", the Unionists condemning the patriots and the "constitutional nationalists" echoing the British line or angling things mainly against the loyalist terror organisations, abuses by the 'B' Specials, RUC, and UDR as the instrument of "loyalist state terror". But if we look behind the words of all these different positions, IN PRACTICE it is only the anti-imperialist movement which is actually suppressed north and south of the border for it this which represents the real danger to the interests of British imperialism and the collaborating Irish bourgeoisie in Ireland.

For the real salient reality is : that "Northern Ireland" is nothing more nor less than a colonial territory which has been carved out of a living nation -- the Irish people -- and annexed by a foreign power, British imperialism. This is and has been from the first a totally illegal act, and a criminal violation of the democratic rights of a nation, our nation. And this has been achieved solely on the basis of VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION BY THIS FOREIGN COLONIAL OCCUPIER.

It is from this FACT, foreign occupation, that everything else follows. Thus, the violence between Irish people in the north, in fact the very creation of "two communities" is the product of DELIBERATE COLONIAL POLICY OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM OF DIVIDE AND RULE, by the cultivation of COLONIAL REACTION TO PROVIDE A BASE OF SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN OCCUPATION WITHIN IRELAND.

The reality of "violence" in the north of Ireland is, as it has always been, like this : the Irish people, organised as is their inalienable right to fight for their national rights and freedom from foreign rule have taken up arms AGAINST BRITISH IMPERIALISM. They have done this solely because British imperialism has always used arms to subjugate them and the Irish nation. The patriotic forces have never, since the time of Wolfe Tone and before, taken up arms against any section of Irish people as such. This is a total historical distortion by British imperialism itself. But

the Irish people and their patriotic forces have always had to face ALL THE FORCES OF BRITISH COLONIALISM, INCLUDING THE FORCES OF COLONIAL REACTION, THE FASCISM OF UNIONISM, which the British colonialists themselves established in the first place and have incited and armed (both officially as in the UDR and RUC, as well as unofficially in the old Orange Order and today's fascist gangs, such as the UDA and UVF etc.)

The source of ALL violence has been and remains British imperialism as their sole means to uphold something which is essentially illegal and unjust -- the occupation of part of a foreign country; something which the British government is itself pledged to see an end to as a signatory to the United Nations Charter, which upholds the rights of nations to independence and actually provides a policy of decolonisation.

The reality is NOT that there are "two communities" and these are in "conflict" with each other. There is ONE IRISH PEOPLE and they are faced with the violence and terror of British imperialism and colonial reaction, which is set in motion solely by British imperialism. This colonial reaction has absolutely no basis amongst the Irish people in the first place and is against the common interests of ALL Irish people, whatever their background or their religious convictions.

These fine words about "peace and reconciliation" in the Anglo-Irish Agreement 1985 have absolutely nothing to do with peace and reconciliation. In fact, this whole agreement is in practice inciting sectarianism whilst attempting to deceive the Irish people and in particular the patriotic people in the north to give up our just struggle for freedom from foreign rule and for re-unification as a sovereign nation under the hoax that British imperialism and the Irish bourgeoisie have the interests of the Irish people at heart, and will themselves bring about change -- even eventual re-unification -- "peacefully" by "constitutional means."

But again, if we look behind the words at reality, then it is quite clear that the objective interests of both British imperialism and the national traitor Irish bourgeoisie are totally against any fundamental change :

The sole interests which the foreign oppressor, British imperialism, and the national traitors, the Irish monopoly bourgeoisie, have in peace is for an end to resistance to foreign imperialism, so that they can "peacefully" continue their exploitation and robbery of the natural wealth and the labour of the Irish people, as well as maintain the strategic domination of Ireland by imperialism, in the first place by British imperialism, but also by the master of British imperialism today, the superpower, U.S. imperialism, as an integral element in the rivalry of the aggressive NATO bloc with the equally aggressive Warsaw Pact bloc of the other superpower, Soviet social imperialism (whose alleged "support" for the national rights of the Irish people -- as expressed at times such as the H-Block hunger strike of 1981 -- is no less imperialist than the policy of British and U.S. imperialism in "supporting" the freedom fighters against Soviet social imperialism as in Afghanistan today).

The last 16 years of heroic patriotic resurgence, centred in the north but having the support of the patriotic masses throughout the country, therefore represents a terrible threat to the system of imperialism and capitalism in Ireland as a whole. It is for this reason that the British imperialists and the Irish bourgeoisie have gone to such lengths in this Anglo-Irish Agreement 1985 to refurbish every fascist deception and incite every kind of colonial reaction as a smokescreen to mask their joint military and police offensive against the patriotic, anti-imperialist and revolutionary movement. And it is for this reason that, behind the scenes, U.S. imperialism itself has been manoeuvring for years to achieve such a combined offensive against the developing revolution in Ireland, adding their "promise" of economic "assistance" on the lines of Marshall Aid, as part of its policy to whip into line all the countries within their bloc as part of the preparations they are making jointly with Soviet social imperialism to incite another world war.

SOURCE OF TODAY'S PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE NECESSITY FOR REVOLUTION

The imperialists from Reagan to Thatcher, including Gorbachev and all the Soviet revisionists since Krushchev first betrayed the genuine socialism of Lenin and Stalin, talk about "civilisation being under threat from men of violence and international terrorism" as if there are people in the world whose opposition to them and their vicious system is without logic or legal justification, such as in Ireland, in El Salvador or in Afghanistan. But it is clear that it is the imperialists and social imperialists, including British imperialism in Ireland, who are the real aggressors, the real international terrorists. It is they and their system, in their greed for superprofits who are foisting the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the working class and oppressed nations, who are vying with each other for monopoly in the world imperialist market, and who are launching one act of aggression after another in their rivalry, and are jointly preparing another world war as their way out of the crisis in their system, and to drown the resistance of the world's people (which is against them and their system) in the bloody and catastrophic diversion of fratricidal conflict.

All of these imperialists and social imperialists deny that they and their system are responsible for the world crisis, for impoverishment and mass starvation, for the hotbeds of conflict and the threat of another world war. British imperialism is one of the clearest examples of their fascist logic to blame the people they themselves oppress and exploit and whip up for conflict and war. The British imperialists have blamed absolutely every evil in Ireland on the Irish people, including economic backwardness, crisis, poverty etc., and in this slander they have been joined by the native exploiters and sell-outs, the traitor Irish monopoly bourgeoisie. Forced to acknowledge the injustices of the 50 years of Stormont rule in the face of the resurgence of the Irish people in 1969 and in the face of condemnation by world public opinion, the British blamed the unionists and their bigotry -- as if the union-

ists had not been what they were -- the fascist tools of colonial reaction (i.e. the politicians and parties of the bourgeoisie, not the masses of the people they work to terrorise and to dupe) whom the British imperialists had themselves groomed in the first place to serve their own interests! And the British imperialists have even tried to stretch logic so far as to claim that, in any case, it is only the so-called "nationalist aspirations" of the Irish people as a whole who have created the bigotry and fascism of the unionist parties, "because they feel under threat from being forced into a united Ireland and a catholic state at that"!

But this is a complete lie and a concoction. Who is threatening anyone in Ireland with a so-called "catholic united Ireland? It is certainly not the patriotic Irish people, or any of our genuine patriotic and revolutionary organisations or leaders, and has never been, certainly since the time of Wolfe Tone and the United Irishmen. If one examines any politician or party, such as De Valera and Fianna Fail, who DID make such a claim, and actually wrote the catholic religion into the hypocritical 1937 Constitution as the religion of the Irish Republic, one can see clearly that such politicians and parties, far from being genuinely patriotic, have linked this question of religion with the destiny of the nation precisely BECAUSE THEY HAD THEMSELVES BECOME LOYAL SERVANTS OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM, but all the more effective in their deceptions because their ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR BRITISH IMPERIALIST SECTARIAN DIVIDE AND RULE was cloaked in the demagogy of "opposing British rule in the north and the border".

The source of all problems, impoverishment, division and violence in Ireland has come and still does today from British imperialism and the various agents who support it, i.e. from the Irish bourgeoisie and all their divisive parties of national betrayal.

Patriotic, revolutionary violence to overthrow this whole rotten system arises as THE ONLY JUST ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUED NATIONAL ENSLAVEMENT AND DIVISION. This is part and parcel of all the national liberation movements and anti-imperialist struggles and the world proletarian socialist revolution as a whole, which are a matter of necessity TO SAVE THE COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD'S PEOPLE FROM IMPERIALIST SLAVERY AND FROM WORLD WAR. This is the NECESSITY FOR REVOLUTION.

This is the only road to a future without crisis, without national subjugation, without exploitation and war, and this has been verified once again, since the heroic achievements of socialism under Lenin and Stalin, in the epoch-making significance of Socialist Albania today -- the only country entirely free of the crisis and with real sovereignty in opposition to both superpowers and their blocs. Socialist Albania is the beacon from which the workers and people of all countries should take their bearings towards a future of lasting prosperity, peace and freedom.

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FREEDOM AND PEACE TO THE WORLD'S PEOPLE!

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IN IRELAND**

**COMMUNIST PARTY of IRELAND
(MARXIST~LENINIST)**

MONDAY DECEMBER 9th 7.30 pm

Junior Common Room

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

**Delegations from fraternal Parties
of the International Marxist-Leninist
Communist Movement**

**20 YEARS OF GLORIOUS STRUGGLE
UPHOLDING MARXISM LENINISM
AND THE REVOLUTION FOR
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