

Campaign against Reagan visit

Oppose the visit of this foreign imperialist warmonger

On his recent visit to the President of the United States of America at the White House, Garret Fitzgerald promised that the Irish people would give Reagan a "True Irish welcome" when he visits Ireland this coming June 2nd-4th.

The question that faces us, the Irish people is : what sort of man did Fitzgerald give this promise to, and can Fitzgerald be said to have been acting in the true interests of the Irish people in making such a promise on our behalf ?

Reagan is notorious as the advocate of every kind of reactionary and fascist policy within the United States, for a start. It was Reagan who, following his anti-trade union policy (in contradiction to his hypocritical support for alleged "free" trade unions in Poland when it is in the warmongering interests of U.S. imperialism against its equally rotten rival, Soviet social imperialism) sacked some 20,000 air traffic controllers in the United States, simply because they went on strike to demand, justly , more staff to reduce air accidents etc. It was Reagan, the open opponent of women's rights, who shot down the Equal Rights Amendment. It is Reagan, the famed like thinker of Thatcher on the question of monetarism, who has cut state spending, especially on social welfare , education etc., and cut literally hundreds of thousands of jobs and living standards of the poor, whilst boosting less labour-intensive war industries. Reagan has condemned a whole new generation to the same soup kitchens of the '30s, to shacks in shanty towns , and condemned the youth to hopelessness, crime and drug addiction, only to treat all the ordinary youth as criminals

But still more odious, Garret Fitzgerald has promised a welcome on behalf of the Irish people, to a politician who is notorious throughout the world as the leader of one of the two superpowers, which considered seperately or together, constitute the greatest threat to the future and very lives of the masses of humanity today.

Alleging the so-called "defence of U.S. imperialism's vital interests", Reagan and U.S. imperialism feel themselves fully justified in military intervention in any corner of the globe, however remote from America ; and even justified in plunging the whole world's people into another and still more catastrophic world war, into a nuclear holocaust.

Reagan, the man with whom Garret Fitzgerald wants the Irish people to shake hands in friendship and kinship, is the leader of an aggressive world power, which on the excuse of "combatting international terrorism" justifies the butchery, either directly, or by proxy. of literally hundreds of thousands of people in Lebanon, El Salvador and other Latin American countries such as Guatamala and Chile. Reagan is the bully and himself the real "international terrorist" who ordered the massive invasion of Grenada, a small country of some 110,000 people, by a country of some 250 million! Reagan is the heartless sadist who looks on without remorse at the Hitlerite Blitzkrieg of Israeli Zionism against the Palestinian refugees and the people of the Lebanon, including the mass extermination at the Shatilla and Sabra camps.

We are supposed to give this fascist and imperialist, Ronald Reagan, a warm Irish welcome because he lays claim to Irish forbears. But is this just.

Let us look again at who this Reagan is and what his real concern in Ireland is.

REAGAN IS ANTI-IRISH

Having started with the utterly reactionary stands of Reagan which makes him notorious both inside America and throughout the world, what about his stand with regard to Ireland, this land of his forefathers ?

First of all, Reagan is the closest and much admired friend of Margaret Thatcher, the present British Prime Minister, another vicious enemy of the Irish people as have been all her predecessors. Tory, Liberal or Labour. Reagan is the friend of those who preside without the slightest humanity or democratic principle over the unjust and criminal military, fascist-type colonial regime in the north of Ireland, where torture to extort confessions or perjury is the order of the day, where assassinations carried out directly by British army and their undercover SAS, or by fascist loyalist gangs incited and organised by British military intelligence are simply normal instruments of colonial government, where political prisoners, genuine Irish patriots, are branded as criminals, as they have been branded down through our centuries of struggle for freedom.

And what of Reagan's attitude to Irish freedom itself ?

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