

CAMPAIGN AGAINST REAGAN VISIT

FASCIST WARMONGER, GET OUT OF IRELAND!

The visit of Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, is an insult and a very real threat to the Irish people. It is not, as the government and Dail parties' pretense goes, an "honour to welcome a distinguished son of our race".

First and foremost, Reagan represents U.S imperialism, which as one of the two superpowers along with the equally dangerous Soviet social-imperialism, is levying bloody wars against the peoples and nations it holds in servitude for superprofits, all around the world, such as the Lebanon and Central America. AND at the same time is preparing for another world war to save this rotten system of exploitation, suppress the people and secure unchallenged world monopoly; a world war still worse than the previous ones, with unimaginable devastation whether it is waged by nuclear or conventional weapons.

We in Ireland must rise in protest at Reagan's visit to condemn this whole system of imperialism, and the ominous threat of both superpowers who are dragging the world to the precipice of another world war. We must demonstrate our solidarity with and support for all those peoples and nations who are justly fighting to throw off the yoke of these imperialists, especially the yoke of U.S. imperialism in this case, such as the people of El Salvador and so many other countries.

This visit of Reagan represents a particular threat, because it is part of the increasing pressure on the south to identify, if not actually become an ally, with NATO. Already, involuntarily, because of the illegal colonial annexation of the north by the British imperialism, our nation is already involved directly with NATO and its criminal preparations for another world war. No doubt FitzGerald and co. will come out with their usual hypocritical rigmarole about "Irish neutrality". But this is a hoax to cover their

actual collaboration with NATO by protecting British imperialism's continued rule in the north; and by the facts that the "Free" State army, its training and weaponry are being co-ordinated to NATO standards all the time, as well as by fulfilling the role of U.S. policemen in the United Nations forces in Lebanon and other places.

We must protest against and demand an end to this co-oper-

ation with NATO and the criminal schemes to draw our nation into the war preparations being organised by British imperialism and the two superpowers

At the same time, Reagan is the current representative of the exploiting ruling class -- the monopoly capitalist class i.e. of the very same U.S. imperialists who wage wars for exploitation abroad -- who are developing fascism to suppress
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U.S. imperialism's 'vital interests'



NICARAGUAN WOMEN'S MILITIA.

U.S. imperialism's "vital interests" consist of control of markets and sources of raw materials by colonial and neo-colonial domination throughout every continent. The volume of U.S. investment abroad is rising at staggering rates. For instance, in two years, 1979 to 1981, such investment increased from \$164 billion to \$214 billion. But the profits on this investment is still more astronomical. Profits for U.S. multinationals in Asia, Africa and Latin America in 1981 alone amounted to \$40 billion. But this profit in a year was made from an investment of only \$10 billion. In addition to investment, U.S. imperialism has vast loans and credits tied up in these countries. During the last three months of 1981 alone, loans to these continents amounted to \$27 billion and credits another \$17 billion. The "protection of these vital interests" is a matter where U.S. imperialism, regardless of which party is in power, is prepared to stop at nothing. During the last 30 years, U.S. imperialism, gave about \$12 billion in so-called "military aid" to pro-imperialist regimes in Latin America, and trained 300,000 of their fascist troops. These dictatorships killed about 250,000 people in the last 15 years, forced some 10 million people to flee their homes, and imprisoned about 2.5 million people. In the last 3 years, U.S. imperialism has backed a fascist regime in El Salvador which has killed 40,000 people. On a global scale the U.S. has over 2,500 foreign bases, about 130 of which are in Britain and spends nearly \$250 billion on armaments yearly.

and exploit the ordinary mass of working people inside the United States. We in Ireland must show our solidarity with the ordinary democratic working people of the U.S. such as the 12,000 air traffic controllers whom Reagan personally had sacked because they dared to strike for their rights, for more jobs and greater airport safety. These are working people just like us in Ireland. It is with these people, and not with these fake "Irish-Americans", like Reagan, that we have common bonds and fraternal international sentiments.

But finally, we must protest at Reagan's visit, because he personally, as well as the U.S. imperialists he currently represents, are the biggest allies of the very imperialist power which has been the age-old national oppressor of the Irish people -- British imperialism. Reagan is a vicious enemy of our national rights, another of these criminals who has tried to brand our people's just struggle as "terrorism" in order to blacken our country's fight for freedom as eight centuries of crime. But it is Reagan and U.S. imperialism, Thatcher and British imperialism who are the true international terrorists: these bloodstained tyrants, and terrorists of Grenada, the Malvinas and the north of Ireland.

Garret FitzGerald claims that the "elected government" represents the Irish nation. They welcome Reagan's visit, so therefore should the nation. Charles Haughey says the same thing. But no way can such people justify this claim to represent the nation. How can the interests of the Irish people lie with such a monster as Ronald Reagan? Are these so-called "representatives" to be allowed to associate our nation with the crimes of this monster all around the world by shaking his bloodstained hand?

U.S. imperialism is exploiting us with their "investments" in just the same way as the other countries. And the same bloody system is operating to protect their exploitation here, only instead of American "advisers", blatant fascist juntas on Latin American lines, our nation is held in subjection to this foreign exploitation by British imperialism and its

ally in partition, the "Free" State regime.

To say that FitzGerald, Haughey Spring and Co. represent our nation is as much a lie as to say that Marcos represents the people of the Philippines! And they have the same farce of elections, where any real opponent of the existing order, is banned, jailed and even assassinated.

The fact that FitzGerald, Haughey and co. are welcoming Reagan exposes what they are themselves -- lackeys of the foreign exploiter and ally of our national enemy, British imperialism. Their hoax about "presenting their disagreements with certain of Reagan's foreign policy in a dignified manner to the President" is simply a lie and a deception. And of course it is on the basis of such lies and deceptions -- for instance the lies they

have repeated at the Forum that they sincerely want to end partition and British colonialism in Ireland -- that they organise their electoral "victories", as well as by using the wealth they expropriate from the people by intimidation and by actually banning sincere advocates of the interests of the Irish people.

The true interests of the Irish people are crystal clear. They cannot lie with fascism, the aggression of the two superpowers against the subject nations or the ghastly preparations for another world war. Our true interests lie in OPPOSING AND FIGHTING THIS WHOLE ROTTEN IMPERIALIST SYSTEM. For this reason, it is in the true interests of all the democratic, patriotic and progressive people of Ireland to come out in militant protest against the visit of Reagan to our country.

IMPERIALISM IS THE CAUSE OF WAR

The bourgeoisie who constitute the ruling class in all the imperialist countries ALL claim to be "for peace and against war". This demagogy is raised to its highest pitch by the two superpowers -- U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. But the reality is that the two superpowers have, broadly speaking, divided the world into two opposing warmongering alliances, involving participation of all the states of the world, whatever labels of "non-alignment" or "neutrality" they care to go under, with the exception of Socialist Albania. And every means is being used by these superpowers, including the current and the last Olympic Games to create hysteria for another world war.

In their propaganda, the newsmedia, the educational systems and so on, the bourgeoisie present all manner of rationalisations to explain the unexplainable: how come if all these states headed by the two superpowers are for peace, can the world situation actually be escalating towards world war?

Widely disseminated are various rationalisations, which boil down to the degradation of humanity to the level of

the animal kingdom. "War and aggression are inherent to human nature" etc. A pseudo scientific gloss is put on the crude comparisons with animal behaviour, such as defence of territory, "survival of the fittest" and so on, to cover up the real causes of warfare in the political life of humanity. Population theories, propagated in the first place, by pseudo scientists, such as the early 19th Century English parson Malthus, have been exhumed from the grave where Marx put them in his day, and are being put back in various new and more "scientific" disguises into the university curricula to assert that war is the inevitable and "natural" means of population control when population outruns food resources and so on.

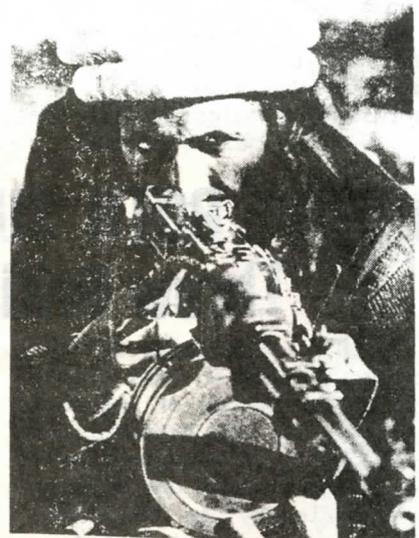
These kinds of pseudo scientific theories are used by the bourgeoisie to try to generate quite a profound and general pessimism amongst the people about the impossibility of solving the problem of war, the impossibility of abolishing war. But at the same time as striving to make the people of the world passive in the face of the war preparations, the imperialists headed by the

two superpowers, are also using demagoguery to positively arouse the people for "their side against the other side", in particular by arousing hysteria and fear about the "threat to our liberties and way of life posed by the enemy". Thus the U.S. imperialists, the British imperialists preach about "defence of western democracy against eastern communist dictatorship". But equally within their camp and to the world, the Soviet social imperialists talk about "defence of democracy and socialism against western imperialism". Each superpower asserts that it is the other which is launching aggression everywhere in the world, while their side is only "defending the world against the enemy's aggression".

But the demagoguery of all the imperialists, in particular the two superpowers, are lies from start to finish. Both are aggressive. Neither side defends democracy or the liberty of nations. The Soviet Union's claim to be defending socialism is nothing but empty phrasemongering, since capitalism has long been re-established, since the betrayal of Khrushchev. Both are inciting and instituting fascism to suppress the people at home and in the colonies and neocolonies they control abroad; and are launching wars of aggression to suppress the just resistance, the just wars of liberation of the people. Thus U.S. imperialism in El Salvador, Grenada etc. and the Soviets in Poland, Afghanistan etc. Neither side is for peace; both sides are for war and are only being held on the leash over a global conflict by fears that they are not yet prepared to defeat the other side and especially by the fear of the world's people who oppose war, and the fear of the consequences of revolution by the people of the world if they go to war.

The cause of war is not to be found in the comparisons with animal behaviour or any of the other pseudo scientific theories of the bourgeoisie. It is to be found in the existence of the bourgeoisie themselves, a class whose sole interests is profit from exploitation, and whose drive for profits necessarily means

USSR-also an imperialist aggressor and exploiter



An Afghan patriot.

For the purposes of demagoguery to incite anti-communism and hysteria for world war, Reagan and U.S. imperialist spokesmen have always exploited the deception of the current regime in Russia. Of course, this regime itself pretends to be "communist" in order to deceive its own people in order to exploit them.

But the Soviet Union today is no more socialist than Reagan's USA. Such features associated with socialism as do exist should be understood in the same way that Britain or Sweden have "welfare states", to keep the people from making revolution by the pretence of socialism.

After the death of the great defender of socialism and great anti-fascist defender of democracy, Joseph Stalin, Khrushchev and his group of revisionist traitors seized power, and by a combination of deception and force transformed the Soviet Union once more to capitalism. Today the internal economy is based on the capitalist profit principle and a new bourgeoisie is in state power. This means externally that the same principle of foreign exploitation and domination is developed. Some of this is concealed in the form of trade "credits", which actually is unequal trade; and such trade with the countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America increased some 30 times over the last twenty years. An example is that in India, where Soviet social imperialism vies with the U.S., they control 80% of the mining industry, 50% of all oil production, 60% of electronics, 20% of electric power, 40% of the steel industry. Arms follow trade and investment. The Soviet Union since 1972 has exported 41% of total world armaments trade. Its military budget is roughly equal to the USA, but this means about 12-18% of the total budget, compared to U.S. imperialism's 5-9%. The crimes of Soviet social imperialism to maintain their domination of Poland and Afghanistan are well known.

competition to corner the market and sources of raw materials, leading from trade wars to real wars, and finally with world monopoly at stake, to world war.

This, the real logic behind world events and the nightmarish drift toward world war, is exposed on occasions amongst all the hypocritical lies of the imperialists in the term "defence of our vital interests". What are these vital interests? They are always markets and sources of raw materials, such as the oil rich Middle East and so on. For the

"vital interest" of profits and strategic domination of the colonial and neo-colonial countries all imperialists, even British imperialism today in the Malvinas, but especially U.S. imperialism and Soviet social imperialism, are not only prepared, but determined to go to war.

The causes of war are not so far-fetched as the pseudo science which the bourgeoisie uses to mystify the problem, but they can be reduced to a definite problem, which is capable of solution. Imperialism is the cause of war itself. Imp-

erialism is the system of a single class, who constitute a handful of parasites. The bourgeoisie may have great power, but it is, as Lenin expressed, a colossus with feet of clay. The masses of the

people of the world, led by the most advanced and most democratic and peace-loving class, the working class, are quite capable of abolishing war and the danger of war. Because, once the source of

the problem is exposed, the vast mass of humanity is capable of ridding the world of this rotten system and this decadent and parasitic class which holds the whole world to ransom in its greed for profits.

OPPOSE BOTH SUPERPOWERS AND ALL IMPERIALISM! Throw British imperialism out of Ireland!

The U.S. imperialists, for instance Reagan on this visit, call on the people of the world to oppose the war preparations on the basis of opposing Soviet social imperialism and backing US "superiority" to "maintain the deterrent against Soviet aggression". The Soviet Union calls on the world's people to oppose the U.S. and western imperialist aggression and mount the demand for "detente" to make the U.S. government "see reason and stop the nuclear escalation".

Clearly any opposition to the war preparations which is worthy of the name cannot adopt either of these positions. For this would mean actually joining in the incitement to war hysteria itself being orchestrated by both superpowers and their allies.

Yet this type of "opposition" is being promoted by the imperialists themselves and the opportunists, the social democrats and revisionists who serve them, precisely to mislead the people and divert them from the genuine peace movement. The objective of such deceptions is to cover up the necessity for people to oppose the system of imperialism itself.

This is most clearly demonstrated in Ireland by the stand which such opportunists take on the question: what kind of opposition to the war preparations should we undertake to launch definite blows against the war preparations of imperialism in Ireland itself? What is the concrete manifestation of the war threat in Ireland itself which we must tackle if we are to seriously combat the warmongers?

The question is posed in Ireland in a concrete way by the unjust and criminal violation of our nation's democratic rights by the age-old foreign aggressor, British imperialism. Firstly, if we are sincerely opposed to war, here is a war actually going on our doorstep, or rather inside our house;



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foreign occupation of our soil at the point of a gun and by means of mass terror, assassinations, torture and concentration camps. We must put a stop to this aggression. But this has a second specific point of relevance to the issue of world war. Because it is by virtue of British imperialism's illegal and criminal annexation of part of our country, that our nation -- quite involuntarily, without our consent -- is the host to NATO, to direct involvement with nuclear installations in the superpower's preparations for world war. Furthermore, the southern "Free" State are only hypocritical about the alleged neutrality of the republic. They are actually collaborating to protect British rule in Ireland against over-

throw, and they are actually, even if only discreetly, collaborating all down the line with NATO themselves, even down to providing British NATO links with short-wave radio stations built with finance from the British Ministry of Defence, such as Mount Pleasant in Cork.

The removal of British colonial rule from the north is therefore not only a matter of democratic principle to establish the rights and sovereignty of a nation, but also the most crucial and concrete way in which the Irish people can make a real contribution to the struggle for peace and against world war, by bringing down the rule of one of the closest allies of U.S. imperialism and itself one of the biggest inciters of world conflict.

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