



Poblacht na nOibrithe

British Royal Visit Special - Aibreán/Bealtaine 2011

Níl Fáilte Romhat!

The newly elected Taoiseach Enda Kenny is following a long Fine Gael tradition of bowing and scraping before their British colonial masters. Former Fine Gael Taoiseach John Bruton pathetically described the 1995 visit of the 'Prince of Wales' to Dublin as 'the proudest moment of his life'.

Tá an dearcadh meata seo le sonrú arís agus aobheall ar cheannaire eile Fhine Gael Enda Kenny faoin chuairt ar na Sé Chondae Fichead ó Bhanríon Shasana agus Ceannfort Arm na Breataine atá ar tí tarlú.

While the political establishment attempts to portray this visit as part of the so called normalisation of relations between Britain and Ireland – the fact is the British Queen is the head of an army that continues to occupy the Six Counties. There are currently 5,000 British troops stationed in the Six Counties, who operate along with 9,000 paramilitary police and hundreds of secret MI5 spies.

For decades the British state has armed and directed loyalist death squads, which resulted in the murder of

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hundreds of people across Ireland. Thirty-three people were murdered by British-supported loyalists in the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings alone. To this day the British state has refused to come clean about its support for the loyalist death squads.

And almost forty years on from the shooting dead of fourteen civilians on Bloody Sunday in Derry in 1972, not one British soldier or politician has been prosecuted for their role in the murder of those Irish citizens.

Is masla é ar uile íobartach foréigean stáit na Breataine in Éirinn go bhfuil rialtas Átha Cliath ag cur fáilte roimh cheannaire Arm na Breataine. Le blianta beaga anuas tá na trúpaí s'aici ciontach as slad na ndeiche míle sibhialtach san Iaráic agus san Afganastáin. Is méadú ar



an fhulaingt é go gcosnóidh an chuairt breis agus €10 milliún agus an lucht oibre thíos le giorruithe fiáine.

The establishment claims that opponents of this visit are "living in the past". éirigi opposes this visit because Britain occupies the Six Counties and engages in imperial wars. While working people are suffering savage cuts, €10 million will be spent on this representative of imperial privilege. Those supporting an archaic system of monarchy are really the ones living in the past.

In 1911, James Connolly and Constance Markievicz actively led opposition to the visit of British King George V. One hundred years on, republicans and socialists will once again be to the forefront in opposing British imperialism on the streets of Dublin.

SHAME OF "THE QUEEN'S" ARMY SLAUGHTER IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN



• Child victim of British Imperialism

The British Army has a long and bloody record of imperial occupation across the globe. In recent years the people of Iraq and Afghanistan have been subjected to the terror of Elizabeth Windsor's army of occupation.

The invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003 were part of the British and US government's plan to secure the vast oil and gas resources in that region. Those resources have been handed over to private corporations. It was a classic imperialist adventure soaked in the blood of the innocent.

The bloody war for oil resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Afghani and Iraqi civilians.

Men, women and children were subjected to air raids, summary executions, indiscriminate shooting, torture and illegal detention at the hands of British troops.

In 2004 British troops from the notorious Black Watch and Royal Marine regiments were involved in the massacre at Fallujah in which over 800 Iraqi civilians were slaughtered. Chemical weapons were used against the civilian population with horrific consequences. Last year Iraqi families began legal proceedings against the British government for complicity in war crimes at Fallujah

Tháinig muintir na hÉireann amach faoi lán nirt in éadar-ionradh rialtais na Breataine agus SAM ar an Iaráic in 2003. Mháirseáil 100,000 duine i mBaile Átha Cliath ag cur i gcoinne ionradh beartaithe rialtais na Breataine agus SAM.

Tá éirigi ag glao ar mhuintir na hÉireann teacht amach faoi lán nirt arís. Scaiptear an teachtaireacht go hard agus go soiléir – ní fáilte roimh cheannfort Arm na Breataine aon áit in Éirinn.

THE BRITISH ROYAL PARASITES

Monarchy is an out-dated, anti-democratic institution based on elite privilege. Members of the British royal family are a dysfunctional bunch of upper class layabouts who serve no useful purpose other than to bleed the British taxpayer dry. The British Queen herself has a personal fortune of over €350 million.

Her husband Philip is well known for his anti-working class and racist views. During the recession in Britain in the early 1980s, when millions of working class Britons were unemployed, he sneered, "everybody was saying we must have more leisure. Now they are complaining they are unemployed." This from a

man who has never done a day's work in his life.

While the royalist cheerleaders in the Irish media clog up the airwaves with fawning praise for the British royal parasites, groups in Britain, led by film director Ken Loach, are organising alternative events for people who wish to avoid the media frenzy of the British royal wedding in April.

Bí páirteach sna hagóidí in éadan chuairt mhonarc na Breataine agus cuir teachtaireacht chuig an bhunaíocht pholaitiúil in Éirinn – "Ní fáilte roimh riochas na Breataine anseo"!

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FUND COMMUNITIES, NOT ROYAL VISITS!



● éirigi activists protesting the British Royal visit at the British Embassy, Dublin.

The new Fine Gael led government has declared its intention to continue the failed policies of their first cousins in Fianna Fáil. They intend imposing further savage cuts and privatising vital public services. Settling the gambling debts of private banks with public money is set to continue.

As a result of the bank bailouts and savage cuts, local communities are struggling to maintain vital community services and facilities. While the Dublin government falsely claims that the cuts are 'necessary' to reduce the

deficit, it is at the same time planning to splash out €10 million to wine and dine the head of the British army.

'How dare they spend our money on a woman who symbolises gross inequality....'

The "British Queen", who symbolises a rotten and corrupt system of elite privilege, will be paraded around the streets of our country like some sort of returning hero. She will enjoy banquets with the finest food and most expensive wines. The elite of Irish society will toast the elite of British

society and they will do so at our expense!

How dare they spend our money on a woman who symbolises gross inequality, while working people struggle to put bread on the table. The "British Queen" represents an age that has long past and a system that Irish patriots such as James Connolly fought and died to overturn.

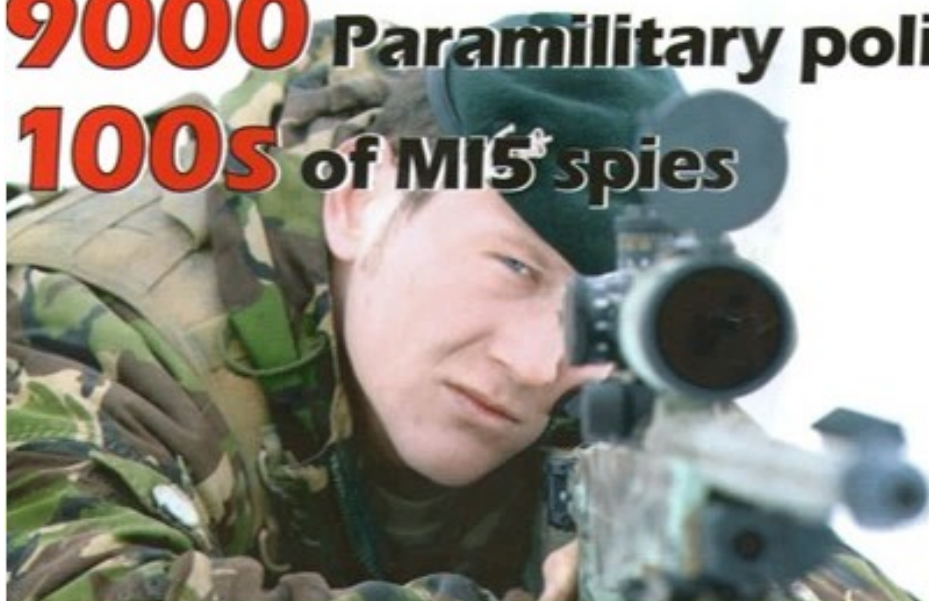
Social privilege should be ended not celebrated.
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British Forces in Ireland

5000 British troops

9000 Paramilitary police

100s of MI5⁺ spies



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1911 – When People Power Disrupted Royal Plans

The visit of the 'British Queen' to the Twenty Six Counties comes exactly 100 years after the previous visit of a British monarch. In 1911, British 'King George V' visited Dublin and was met with huge street demonstrations from republicans, socialists and other progressive forces.

One hundred years ago the working people of Dublin were forced to live in appalling conditions. Almost one third of the population of the capital lived in conditions that were unfit for human habitation.

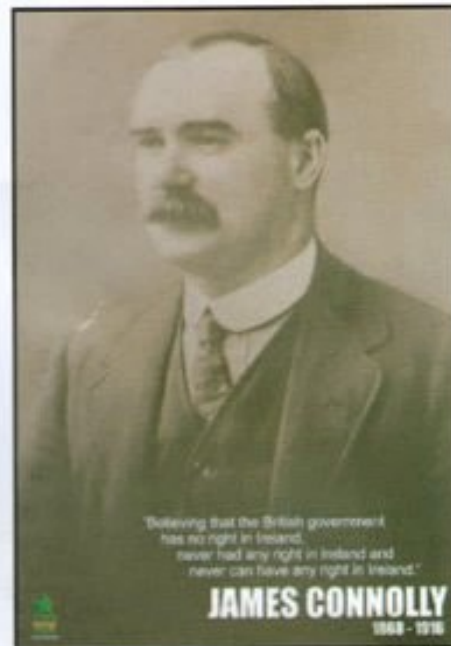
While the British monarch was paraded with pomp and ceremony, the working class struggled to survive in the slums. Republicans and socialists such as Constance Markievicz, James Connolly and Helena Molony, who worked with the impoverished in Dublin's slums, led the opposition to the visit of the British monarch.

Thousands mobilised for a major demonstration at City Hall, forcing the City Council to abandon its plans for the British monarch to make an address to council members. Later that day the notorious Dublin Metropolitan Police attacked demonstrators, arresting several leading organisers

including Constance Markievicz and Helena Molony.

The 1911 protests marked the start of a major historic period of revolutionary opposition to the ruling class in Ireland.

The same forces that opposed the visit of George V led the workers resistance during the 1913 Dublin Lockout and were to the fore in taking on the might of the British Empire during the 1916 Easter Rising.



Join the Resistance!

Ní Fáilte Roimh Ríochas na Breataine Anseo!

Tá éirigi ag eagrú sraith imeachtaí mar chuid den fheachtas in éadan chuairt 'Bhanríon Shasana'. Cluinitear do ghlór – ní failte roimh Ríochas na Breataine anseo! Coinnigh súil ar shuíomh éirigi agus ar Facebook do fhógraí faoi thuilleadh imeachtaí, imeachtaí le linn na cuairte féin ina measc.

British Queen Not Welcome in Ireland

Stall and petition against the British royal visit, every Saturday, 12 - 2pm GPO, O'Connell Street.

Protest and Street Theatre

Sat. 16th April, 1pm, GPO, O'Connell St.

éirigi Easter Commemoration

Sun. 24th April, 1.30pm, Phibsboro Shopping Centre and march to Glasnevin Cemetery.



H-Block Hunger Strike Vigil

Thurs. 5th May, 6pm - Black flag vigil in memory of the 1981 Hunger Strikers' O'Connell Bridge, Dublin.

James Connolly Commemoration

Sat. 7 May, 10.30am-2.30pm, Ashling Hotel (beside Heuston train station). Public talks and more. Followed by annual commemoration, 3.30pm, Arbour Hill cemetery.

Rally Against Royalty

Sun, May 15, 3pm, Garden of Remembrance Parnell Sq, Dublin 1.

For further details on these and other events or to join éirigi please log on to www.eirigi.org or Facebook www.facebook.com/eirigi or email stopthevisit@gmail.com

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