

NO TO PRSI INCREASES!

MAKE THE RICH PAY!

Trade unionists must be asking themselves how 2 years after the massive tax marches they now find themselves taking to the streets again, their burden of taxation greatly increased and their standard of living greatly decreased.

Over the last 5 years wage increases have dropped substantially behind price increases so that it has been estimated that living standards have declined by a third. The trade union leadership through their support for national understandings have led us into this situation whereby the working people of this country have carried the burden of the present economic crisis. At the same time the real culprits, the 5% who own and control the nations wealth have got off scot free.

The present leaders of the trade union and labour movement have moved a long way from the philosophy of James Connolly who fought for the Irish working class to have complete control of Irelands wealth and destiny.

It is a damning indictment of our trade union leadership that no opposition to this latest unjust tax was prepared by them until rank and file workers saw the results in their wage packets and rebelled.

The so called labour leaders (Labour Party, the 'Workers Party', Jim Kenny) in Dail Eireann have also been silent and have continuously supported anti-working class measures in the numerous budgets.

The record of support for measures which place the burden of the economic crisis on the shoulders of working people is matched by support for social and political repression. When hundreds of thousands marched against the murderous policy of Margeret Thatchers government in relation to the hunger strikes last year, the Trade Union and labour leaders were either silent or in the case of SFWP and Jim Kemmy openly supporting the British Government. Similarly the new attack on women's right to chose posed by the anti-woman amendment campaign has been met with stony and embarassed silence from the Trade Union leadership.

If the present fight against cuts in living standards is not to be derailed like the last tax campaign, unity must be established among Socialists and Republicans who have led the wave of strikes both official and unofficial throughout the period of National Wage Agreements and who also led the massive stoppages in support of the hunger strikers. Only in this way can a real fightback be co-ordinated and real success won.

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Make the Union leaders fight!

PEOPLES DEMOCRACY PUBLIC MEETING.

IRELAND IN CRISIS-For a 32 County Fightback.

ATGWU Hall (Marlborough St.) Friday May 14th 8.00 pm

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