

A weekend of socialist ideas and discussion

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**14th -16th
November
ATGWU Hall
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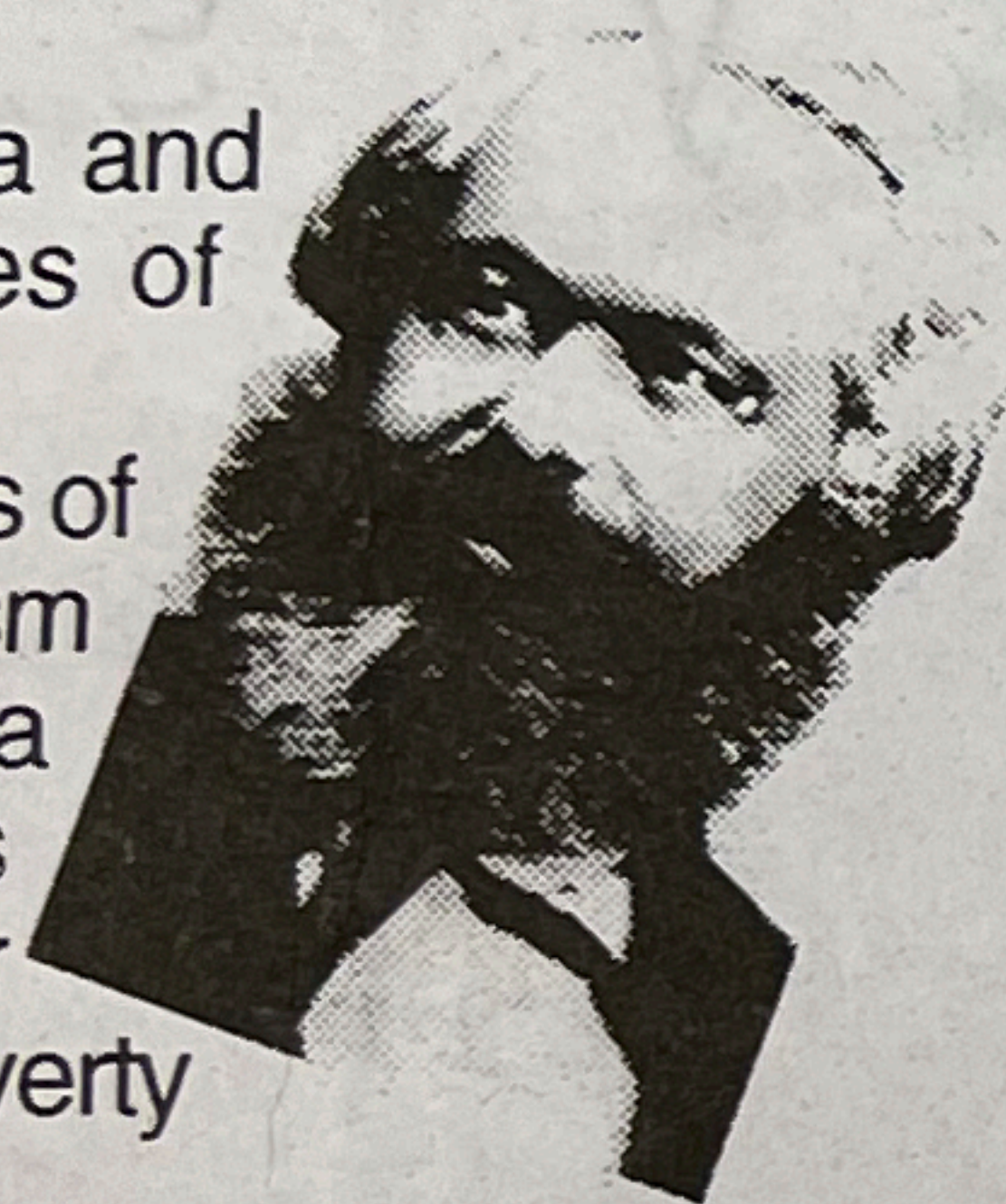
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ACCORDING to the latest UN Human Resources report there are 358 billionaires who have the same income as half of the world's population.

Yet diseases like TB, cholera and diarrhoea which claim the lives of millions are spreading.

Just fifty years since the horrors of the Holocaust, racism and fascism are on the rise in Europe. Media and right wing politicians encourage people to look for scapegoats to the problems of poverty and unemployment.



A hundred and fifty years ago Karl Marx declared that only a worker's revolution could end the injustices of class society. According to Marx, capitalism was a system that would not abolish class divisions, but would deepen them.

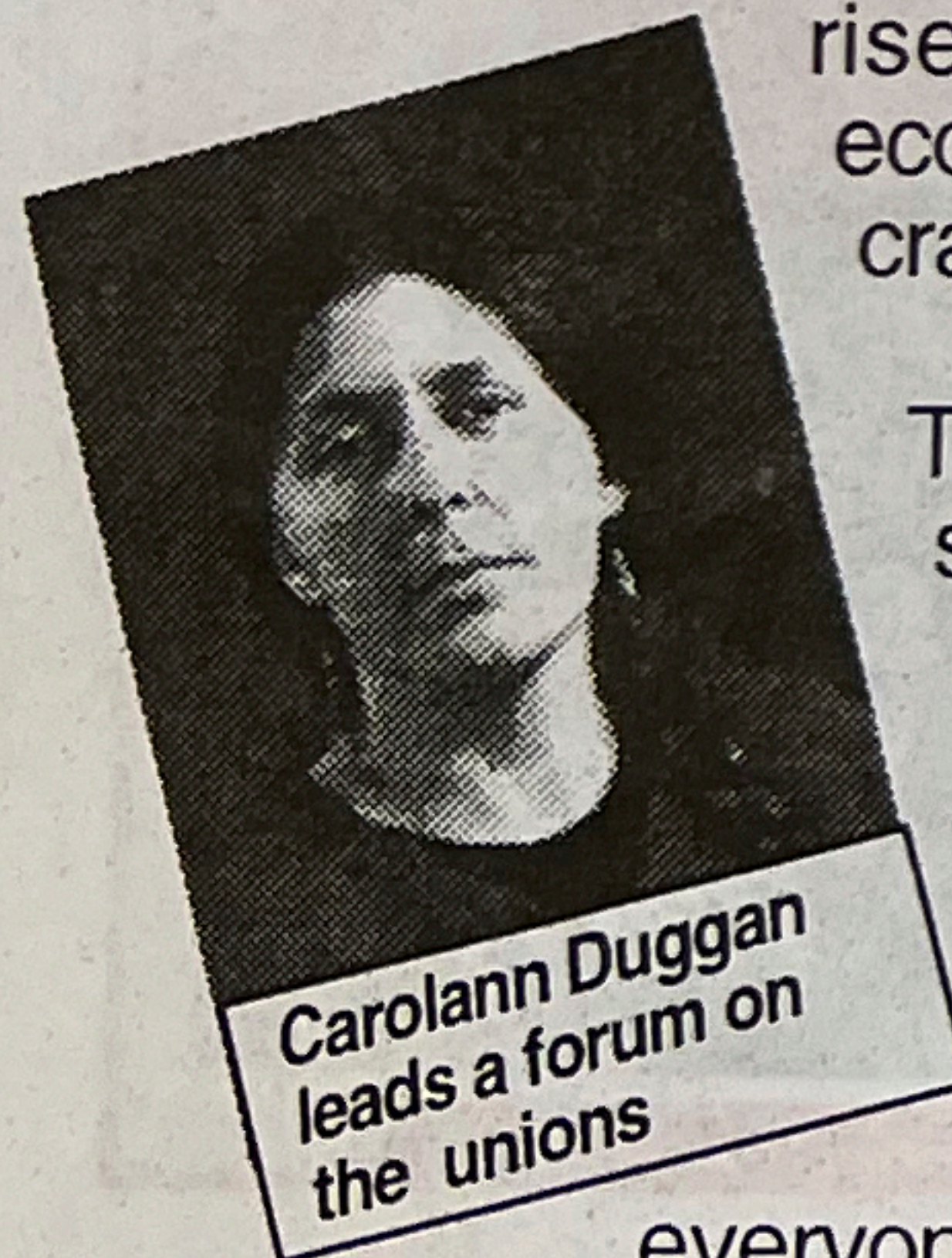
Now, as we move towards the end of the millennium, Marx's ideas have never been more relevant.

Rather than invest in things people need, the race for profits leads to

billions being spent on arms, giving rise to horrific wars. The world economy is unstable, subject to a crazy boom - slump cycle.

Ireland is called the "Celtic Tiger", but growth here can be shaken just as quickly as happened in the South East Asian economies who have all recently seen their currencies collapse.

The boom times in Ireland haven't been to the benefit of everyone. An ESRI survey showed the



Carolann Duggan leads a forum on the unions



workers are coming to see that the system we live in works only for the rich.

One indication of a desire for change was the tremendous vote in the SIPTU Presidential Campaign for Carolann Duggan the rank and file socialist, standing for a fighting union. To build a successful challenge to the system we need revolutionary ideas.

Eighty years ago the workers of Russia, led by the Bolshevik Party, made the most successful revolution to date and reached

numbers living in poverty as having increased from 31% to 35% despite the growth in profits.

The real beneficiaries have been multi-nationals and Irish employers - along with their political allies. With the growing revelations about corrupt politicians, more and more

for a socialist world.

The lessons of that experience will be a major theme of Marxism '97.

At Marxism '97 hundreds of socialists will come together for over thirty discussions and debates, developing the ideas we need to build resistance.

Marxism is the biggest event of its kind in Ireland. If you are sick of the injustice and chaos of the system come along to Marxism to discuss how we can change it.



TIMETABLE

All meetings take place in
**ATGWU Hall,
Middle Abbey Street,
Dublin.**



Friday

6.30—7.45

CHE GUEVARA AND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION
Colm O'Riain

IS RELIGION THE OPIUM OF THE PEOPLE?
Juliet Bressan

AN INTRODUCTION TO MARXIST ECONOMICS
Kevin Wingfield

8.00—9.30

REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE 1990's
Kieran Allen (Editor Socialist Worker)
Chris Bambery (SWP Britain)

**150 years since the Communist Manifesto
MARX AND THE EARLY SOCIALISTS**
Deidre Cronin

SIGMUND FREUD IN PERSPECTIVE
Peadar O'Grady

Saturday

10.00—11.15

THE CELTIC TIGER—CAN THE BOOM LAST
Ger Tuohy

11.45—1.00

FORUM: THE RISE OF RACISM IN IRELAND
Brid Smith, Davey Carlin,
Dr Mohammed-al-Sadar

2.00—3.15

DEBATE: How can the exploitation of workers in developing countries be ended?
Mary Van Leishout (Oxfam),
Conor Kostick (SWP)

3.45—5.00

SOCIALISTS IN THE UNIONS TODAY
Carolann Duggan,
Marnie Holborrow and others

7.00—8.30

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
Chris Bambery

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ENGELS ON THE RISE OF CLASS SOCIETY
Joan Gallagher

AFTER DOLLY: DO SOCIALISTS SUPPORT GENETIC ENGINEERING?
Paul McGarr

TROTSKY'S FIGHT AGAINST STALIN
Damien Ahern

HOW POWERFUL IS THE MEDIA?
Eamonn McCann

LOYALISM AND THE PROTESTANT WORKING CLASS
Linda Moore

DRUGS AND COMMUNITY POLICING
Mary Smith

JAMES JOYCE AND MODERNISM
Richard Boyd Barrett

**New lads or old sexism
SEXUAL POLITICS IN THE 90'S**
Marnie Holborrow

CROMWELL: REVOLUTIONARY OR TYRANT?
Prof. Brian Manning

ABORTION - WHY WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE
Goretti Hogan

Sunday

10.00—11.15

THE POLITICS OF THE UNITED IRISHMEN
Mark Hewitt

11.45—1.00

BOLSHEVIKS AND THE CIVIL WAR
Kieran Allen

2.00—3.15

THE FUTURE SOCIALIST SOCIETY
Paul McGarr

3.45—5.00

**FASCISM IN THE 1930'S
How the nazis could have been stopped**
Richard Boyd Barrett

5.00—6.00

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ROADS, POLLUTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Owen McCormack

DOES PATRIARCHY EXPLAIN WOMEN'S OPPRESSION?
Melisa Halpin

THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS TODAY
Brenda Piercy

THE NORTH—WILL BRITAIN EVER LEAVE
Colm Bryce

ZIONISM AND ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT
Shay Killalea

HAS BLAIR MADE A DIFFERENCE?
Chris Bambery

THE POLITICS OF NOAM CHOMSKY
Sinead Kennedy

THE POLITICS OF THE SWP

Final Rally

**Bríd Smith
Carolann Duggan**

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Booking form

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Marxism '97 takes place in the ATGWU Hall, Middle Abbey street in Central Dublin on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th November.

The price of a weekend ticket for Marxism '97 is £8.00 (£5.00 unwaged) this includes entrance to the evening entertainments in the Bankers Club, 93 Stephens Green.

Free accommodation can be arranged by us. This is in the homes of Dublin SWP members — bring a sleeping bag. If you need to use the creche please ensure you book your place(s) well in advance and in any case before November 1st.

**Return completed
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Dublin 8.
Any queries telephone
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