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STEP UP THE MASS STRUGGLES AGAINST IMPERIALISM, FASCISM AND WAR!

COMRADES AND FELLOW WORKING PEOPLE OF IRELAND !

Grave problems and terrible dangers, including a real life-and-death situation for Irish people in the north, face us - the ordinary people - in Ireland, just as they do the working class and people of all countries of the world, exploited, oppressed by fascism and threatened with world war by the world wide monopoly capitalist class and their aggressive system of imperialism.

The British imperialists, the 800 years old national oppressor of our nation, still imposes its fascist colonial rule on a large part of our country and people. Their bloodstained army and colonial police, as well as the fascist gangs they organise such as the U.V.F., U.D.A. etc., are murdering patriots and innocent

by-standers by the week; arbitrarily lifting them off the streets for torture in their interrogation centres; intimidating and bribing people to become informers to divide Irish people against each other, whom they have already tried to divide by the vicious fascism and lies of religious sectarianism and racism; and throwing thousands of people whose only crime is love of their country into hell-hole jails and concentration camps, where their lives are made a misery by brutal ill-treatment, victimisation, beatings and strip searches, both men and women.

And to cap it all we have a system of national betrayal operated by so-called "constitutional nationalists" in the

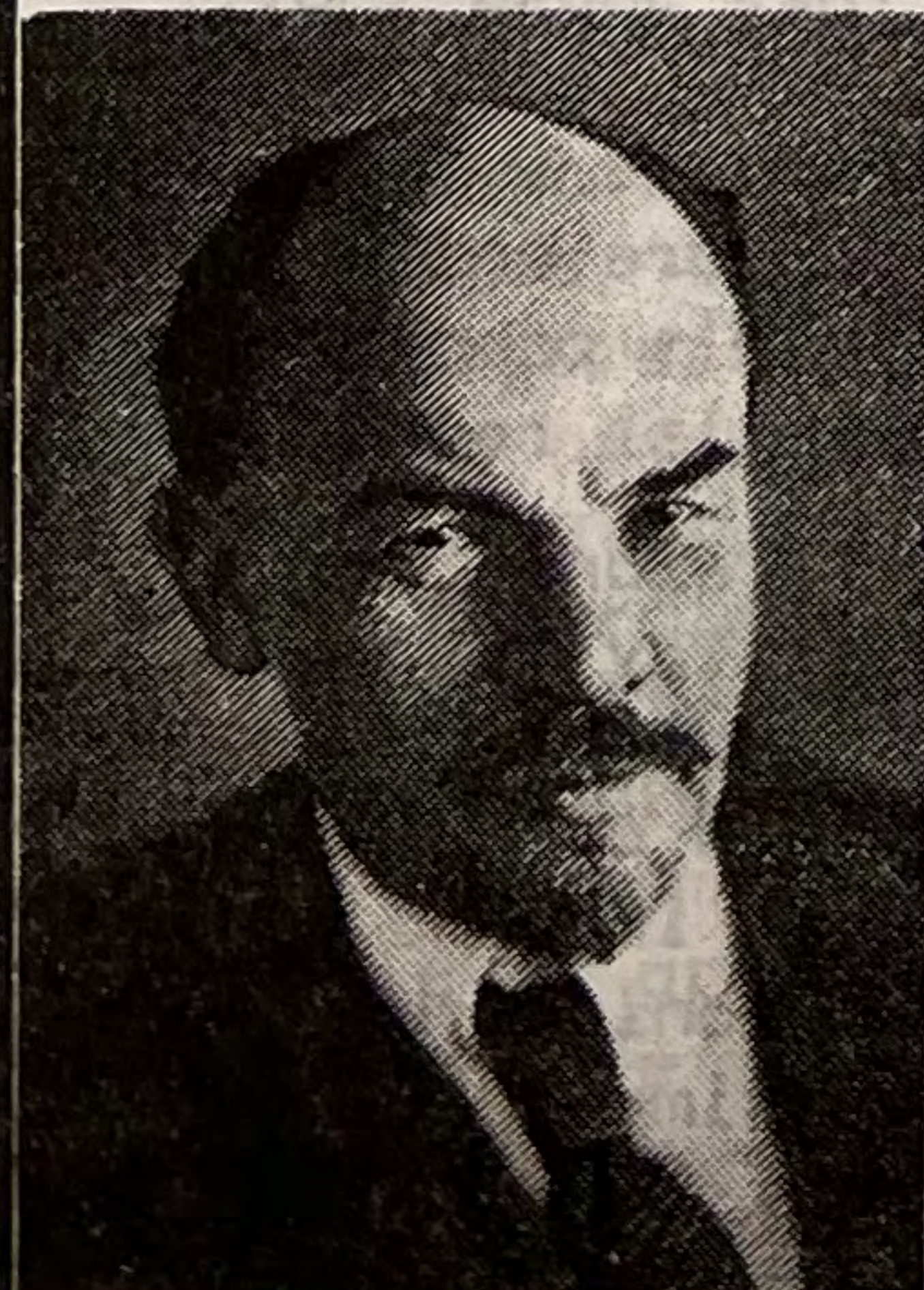
southern "Free" State, which has not only made a mockery of the Irish people's heroic struggle and the sacrifices of generations for genuine independence, but actually turned the south into a neo-colonial replica of British colonial rule and a reserve prison camp for patriotic Irish people. These national traitors are striving to extend the fascism of the anti-Irish Offences Against the State laws to everyone in the Criminal Justice Act just passed, and are actually extraditing patriots who are fighting in the same cause which established the Irish Republic to the very foreign oppressors whom people hoped we had at least rid from the south!

The working people throughout the country, regardless of the illegally imposed border - and this means in the first place the working class, but just as importantly also the hundreds of thousands of small farmers and all the masses of decent hard working small business and professional people, the women, youth and students -- are absolutely horrified by the situation in Ireland and the whole world, just as people of all countries.

This rotten system in Ireland is throwing the people out of their jobs and has turned about one third of the whole population into official paupers, dep-
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ON THE 61st ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH
OF V.I. LENIN

TAKE UP THE PATH OF LENIN AND THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY!



MEETING

**MONDAY
21st JAN. 8pm**

**Buswells Hotel
Molesworth street**

DUBLIN

**COMMUNIST PARTY of IRELAND
(MARXIST LENINIST)**

MEETING

REMEMBER BLOODY SUNDAY!

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FREEDOM

UNITY AND FREEDOM TO THE
IRISH PEOPLE !

BRITISH IMPERIALISM GET OUT OF IRELAND

WEDNESDAY 30th JAN. 8pm

**Buswells Hotel
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DUBLIN

endent on state handouts, north and south; and such dole queues are stretching right around the world in all the capitalist and pseudo-socialist countries (like Russia and the Soviet bloc, Yugoslavia and China etc). And the powers-that-be in all these countries are not only doing nothing to remedy the problems, they are actually preparing for another world war, which will be more catastrophic than the last two, as their only "solution" to the crisis which their system keeps creating!

They are pouring billions of dollars into conventional, chemical, biological, nuclear and space armaments, while millions of people are starving in the world. And why? To protect their hoards of surplus food and monopolise industrial wealth. And they are launching ever more wars of intervention and establishing fascism, such as the U.S. imperialists against Grenada, Lebanon, El Salvador, Chile etc.; the Soviet social imperialists against Afghanistan, Poland, Ethiopia etc., in order to seize markets and colonies from each other, crush the people who are rising up against their foreign oppression and exploitation and pave the way for a general world catastrophe. Why? To preserve this rotten system, which not only can never provide for the people of the world, but which actively steals the wealth of the people and turns them and even whole nations and continents into paupers, for the stupendous profits and immense personal wealth and decadent lifestyles of a handful of wealthy multimillionaires and other parasites who hang on them, who rule in a handful of rich and aggressive states!

There is a kind of insanity about this situation in the world,



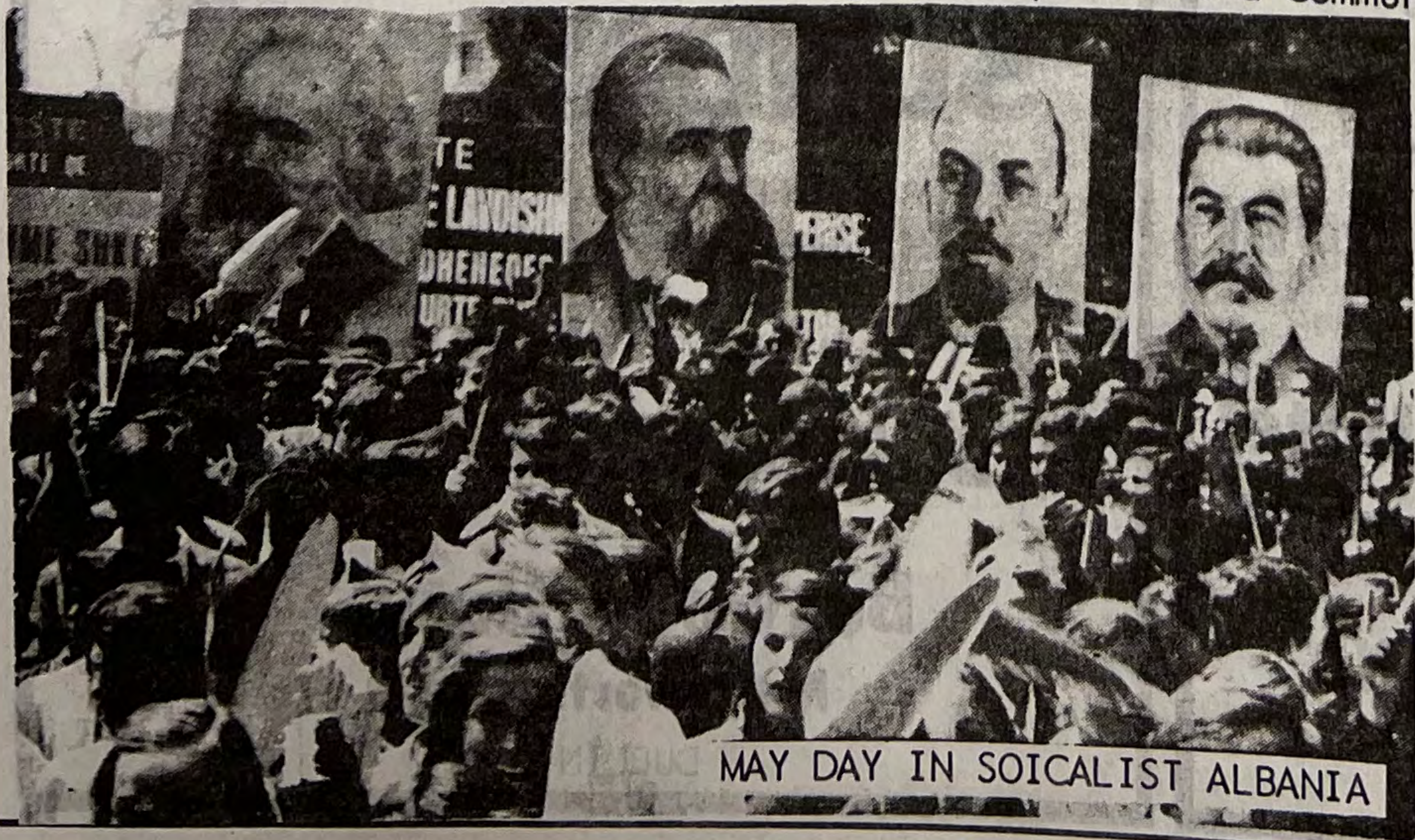
where science and technology have at last put humanity in the position to end ill health, want and scarcity, but where this same science and technology is being twisted to serve the megalomania of a tiny class of parasites - the monopoly bourgeoisie - and destroy anyone, the millions of people who stand in the way of their profits.

THE RICH SPREAD LIES TO DIVERT THE STRUGGLES OF THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR RIGHTS.

The bourgeoisie and imperialists are trying to set traps for the people by concealing the facts that this class and their selfish greed is what is actually bringing the world to the brink of disaster: as if this were all some frightful nightmare, a mystery without cause except perhaps "original sin", "human nature (aggressive and selfish)". In addition, the bourgeoisie make use of their different competing power blocs to cover over their actual identity with each other -- the American imperialists lying that the Soviets are threatening world peace as a "Communist

threat" (when they know that those who rule Russia today have restored capitalism and torn up everything that Lenin, Stalin and the Soviet working class fought to establish in socialism); and the Soviet social imperialists are lying that they "stand for peace, democracy and socialism against western imperialism and fascism", when they know they have become fascists and imperialists themselves, every bit as aggressive as U.S. imperialism. The bourgeoisie spread other lies that all trouble in the world is caused by "terrorists"; thus the Americans slander the Nicaraguan people and government as "terrorists", the Russians the Afghan people, and both U.S. imperialism and Soviet imperialism have jointly condemned and denounced the Iranian people as "terrorists", because they fought and actually threw out imperialism from their country; and both America and Russia have incited Iraq to war against Iran and are arming Iraq in this war jointly. This shows that, for all their competition with each other, both the U.S. and the Soviet Union are united against the world's people and the anti-imperialist revolution.

Of course in Ireland the British imperialists try to impose the same lies, that the patriots who are justly and out of necessity fighting arms in hand to throw British colonial rule out of Ireland, are simply "criminals" and "terrorists". And collaborating with the divide and rule strategy of British imperialism, all the manifold parties of the Irish bourgeoisie, the native exploiters - whether they call themselves Unionists



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or "constitutional nationalists" -- have joined AS ONE VOICE, reflecting the fact that they are ALL representatives of the Irish ruling class, to condemn the patriots, the revolutionary workers and communists who are fighting for national liberation, and socialism, and they condemn ALL the necessary strike struggles of the working class. While at the same time they present themselves as "different" from each other in elections - "promising" that their particular party will solve the problems in the country, bring prosperity and peace, "defend their community and their tradition" etc. When it is all of these parties and all these lying bourgeois politicians, when it is this class of native exploiters who are selling out the country to British imperialism, and thus are trying to protect British imperialism from being overthrown. They are trying to stop the masses of Irish people solving the problems in the country, They are keeping Ireland as a pawn in the war preparations of the super powers and are part of the problem themselves, and must be overthrown with the national oppressor.

The British imperialists and the Irish bourgeoisie are striving to indoctrinate Irish people that the situation in Ireland is of their own democratic choosing, and that if there are faults then these lie with Irish people being "religiously bigoted and sectarian", "aggressive" and the workers are "too greedy" etc. But what is the real situation of the people and what do they really think about this situation?

THE OBJECTIVE SITUATION IN IRELAND AND THE NECESSITY OF THE PEOPLE TO GET ORGANISED.

1) Speaking objectively, the absolutely overwhelming majority of Irish people, who are working people, are oppressed and exploited under this present system and this goes for everybody, north and south, regardless of religion etc. Literally, only a tiny class of rich parasites objectively benefit from this system, and ammass ever greater profits and more and more means of production and commerce, selling out the country to British and other foreign capitalists, at the expense of the destruction of the smaller producers, business people, farmers etc and, most of all, at the expense of the

working class who are being pushed down into complete poverty increasingly.

2) Talking in terms of how people subjectively view this objective situation i.e. their own oppression and that of other people, as well as the world dangers and crisis, the overwhelming majority are absolutely aghast and oppose what is going on. They are against religious bigotry, want to see Ireland united and free, want an end to exploitation and wars. Increasingly the working class and people are rising up in struggle in defence of their rights. Take the injustice of British colonialism's illegal annexation of the north-east of our country. Do the Irish people accept this? No, the masses of the people have fought in the streets and at the barricades for 15 years against this fascist-type military occupation. And many young patriots are fighting arms in hand for the country's freedom. The workers are increasingly fighting against imperialist-imposed economic crisis which is causing mass poverty and hardship, through strikes, occupations and other actions. In these struggles the state (north and south) is more and more being exposed for what it is - the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie - where legislation, court injunctions, the increased use of police on picket lines are all being used to try and crush the workers' struggles. No section of the people remains unaffected by the increas-

ingly oppressive policies of the rich. The women of Ireland are to be found at the forefront of all these struggles as well as increasingly taking up the demands for women's rights and for their genuine emancipation. And the youth, whether students, young workers or the unemployed are further developing their struggles for a decent future etc.

3) But there is one crucial factor which must be strengthened now in order to bring the long-dreamt-of aspirations of the people to fruition. This, the subjective factor, is the necessity to raise the people's consciousness as to the overall goal of their individual struggles - the revolution to unite and free the country from British imperialism and to establish socialism. For without this revolutionary perspective, the struggles of the people are prey to all the deceptions and divisive tactics of the bourgeoisie and the imperialists which are aimed at crushing these struggles. These revolutionary politics are given organisational form in the genuine party of the working class - the Marxist-Leninist party. And at this time it is crucial to develop and strengthen the work of the party in order for it to come into the leadership of all the struggles and unite the people to defeat imperialism and the national traitors.

And this is a most serious issue, which bears the most careful consideration. For it has been a fact that, despite so much struggle and self-sacrifice in the cause of the



Photo' shows section of massive Demonstration Against Reagan in Dublin

people and the nation, victory has been snatched from the grasp of the people at the crucial point. The most tragic and criminal example of this was the "Free" State Treaty and partition which aborted the struggle for genuine independence.

And it is this factor, the consciousness of the necessity for revolution and the necessity for a single headquarters of the working class - which the bourgeoisie has made great pains to conceal, ridicule and lie about. In the first place, they deny the necessity for revolutionary change by spreading the illusion that "parliamentary democracy" with its two or three party system can "reform" capitalism and make it acceptable. And when this becomes exposed, as is occurring today where the people see these bourgeois parties and politicians as corrupt self-seekers which merely make promises which they never fulfil - they resort to the spreading of pessimism and cynicism that there can never be a political party which genuinely serves the needs of the people. They are assisted in this activity by their allies in numerous organisations and parties going under the deceptive name of "socialist" or even "communist" whose divisive anti-national and anti-working class activities are further ammunition for the bourgeoisie in the war to prevent the workers getting organised. The biggest deception of all is that "for all its faults this is the only democratic system" "Revolutions", so they claim "have never solved anything". "Revolutions are simply the means of ambitious terrorists to instal themselves, or as people who might start as idealists but who later become corrupt - power corrupts and absolute power corrupts completely".

But this is all a complete lie and a deception on the part of a class which has armed its state power to the teeth to suppress people by violence, who claim they are defending peace and democracy, because it is to deny that THE ORDINARY MASSES OF THE WORKING PEOPLE THEMSELVES MUST GET ORGANISED AND LIBERATE THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS IMPOSED BY CAPITALISM, BY ELIMINATING CAPITALISM ITSELF; AND THIS IS BOUND TO TAKE A REVOLUTION TO ACHIEVE THE CHANGE THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES DESIRE AND ESTABLISHING SOCIALISM IN A FREE

IRELAND. Therefore, the masses of the people, and this means individual by individual, MUST THROW OFF THE ILLUSIONS SPREAD AMONGST THEM BY THE RULING BOURGEOISIE, AND TAKE UP STRUGGLE FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND TO BRING FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE THEMSELVES. To throw off these illusions means above all to take up as part of the struggle, the science of Marxism-Leninism, which is the only ideology which is actually OPPOSED to such bourgeois deceptions, and which does not succumb to any of the lies of the bourgeoisie and British and world imperialism. We, who have taken up Marxism-Leninism, have done so because this is to look reality right in the eye, to look at the problems as they really are, to look for the truth about what is the cause which gives rise to these problems, and to look at the world from the point of view of changing it and abolishing the problems and eliminating the causes of them, and then to unite and organise to overthrow imperialism and capitalism.

This is what all the oppressed people of Ireland must do - face up to the facts of today's world and the present imperialist world order. What the imperialists and bourgeoisie are saying against revolution is completely wrong. Revolutions have made great achievements i.e. the people have risen up themselves, have not been duped by power-hungry megalomaniacs; the working class and people have built a better system, with particular examples in the Soviet Union when Lenin, Stalin and the Bolsheviks led the working class and peasants to overthrow Tsarism and build socialism in place of feudalism and capitalism, and in Socialist Albania today, under the leadership of the Marxist-Leninist Party the Party of Labour of Albania, headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha.

But the success of the revolution and its consolidation depends entirely on the masses of the people themselves, in particular the most revolutionary class -- the working class, the proletariat - and on the revolutionary determination of their struggle under the leadership of the Party and loyalty to the science of Marxism-Leninism. If set-backs have occurred - and the most disastrous has been in the Soviet Union -- this has been because bourgeois revisionist elements, such as Khrushchev, have used the same old lies of the

bourgeoisie (but in some deceptive new form) to sow illusions to put people to sleep, set them against each other and used fascist power to suppress those who protest. But such set-backs are not necessarily inevitable as today's Socialist Albania proves, as the working class gets more experienced at wielding state power, become more vigilant against capitalist restoration in the form of revisionism (the revising of Marxism-Leninism) and become communists themselves.

A great future awaits the working class and the Irish people, provided that the masses of the people take it upon themselves to organise to fight for their rights and fundamental change, and take their destiny out of the hands of their false "friends", the lying bourgeois politicians and all the divisive bourgeois political parties of national betrayal and British imperialism. Our Party calls upon every person who holds dear the freedom of the country, the freedom of the working people, including women, and the peace of the world to read "Voice of Revolution", ask our comrades selling papers about Marxism-Leninism, come to our public meetings to hear the views of the genuine and only Marxist-Leninist Communist Party in the country, and unite with us in the great and final struggle to liberate the country from foreign domination and free the working class, women and all other people from class exploitation and oppression.

And those who take up and uphold Marxism-Leninism must, as a matter of principle, actually join and come under the discipline of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist). The Marxist-Leninists are those who grasp the objective necessity to build a single headquarters of the working class, with a steel like unity, the need to smash the divisive pro-capitalist, sham "socialist" and "communist" parties, in order to unite the working class and nation as a whole to get organised for the revolution to smash British imperialism and the native exploiters.

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