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FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS IN THE NORTH !

Thousands March in Support of Political Prisoners

The first two weekends in October were marked by further demonstrations against British imperialist aggression in the north. On October 5th, 8,000 working people took part in a demonstration in Derry to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the march organised in 1968 which was an important landmark in the present upsurge against imperialist occupation of the north and the all-round political and economic domination of the whole country by foreign and native monopoly capital. In Belfast, on the following weekend, 1,000 working people demonstrated against the incarceration of patriots and the efforts of the imperialist forces to enforce harsher conditions on the prisoners. On both occasions, the marches ended in the youth and other working people engaging the imperialist forces in street battles lasting many hours.

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A scene from the street battles in Derry(RP photo)

WORKERS IN MANY INDUSTRIES STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES !

National Wage Agreement Opposed!

Workers in the south - faced with the constant drive of the bourgeoisie to use the economic crisis to push down wages and increase exploitation and profits by monopoly capital, are persisting in their struggle to defend their living standards in one strike after another.

A large proportion of these strikes have been against the attempts of the monopoly capitalist companies to force workers to accept increased exploitation and labour discipline through "Comprehensive Agreements"(or more plainly productivity agreements). At present

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As normal, the colonial state declared the Derry march illegal and placed hundreds of armed troops and police along the route to intimidate the demonstration. Showing no regard for the so-called legality of the imperialists, which is used to excuse the vicious repression of the people, the march went ahead successfully while the surrounding military forces had a number of casualties inflicted on them in street battles with the youth.

The march was also opposed by the openly sectarian and fascist forces of Paisley and the UDA who organised a so-called counter-demonstration. The organisation of such counter-demonstrations are used by the reactionaries to whip up sectarianism and mobilise against the revolutionary struggles of the people for national and social emancipation. As such they provide an important reserve for the British imperialists in their attempts to maintain their colonial and neo-colonial domination.

The reactionary bourgeoisie make use of such counter-demonstrations and the sort of riot which occured in Derry between the fascist gangs and police to do propaganda for the so-called 'peace-keeping' role of the occupation forces. However such events are to be expected as the British imperialists manipulate the fascist gangs and try to use them to their best advantage against the national liberation struggle. Throughout the past hundred years or more the British ruling class and the Unionist bourgeoisie have alternated between using these fascist gangs in the frontline of their attacks on the working people as typified by events in the early part of this century and on various occasions over the last decade, or to relegating them to a slightly more background role. What has not changed is the propaganda and active encouragement of the British imperialists in favour of such blatant sectarian and fascist organisations. Without sectarianism the British imperialists would lose the excuse they give to the world for maintaining their colonial rule. These fascist gangs are also important to the reactionaries in restricting, through terror, the development of the class conscious organisations which unite the workers in the common struggle against the attacks of capital and the fight to emancipate the working class from wage slavery. For the working class to end wage slavery, they must constitute themselves as the ruling class throughout the country and end the territorial, religious and any other divisions fostered by the British imperialists and native reactionaries. To such ends the working class must lead all the struggles against imperialist exploitation and oppression and actively resist the fascist gangs and the terror which they inflict on the working people.



Patriotic youth in Belfast attack police after they broke up march to Long Kesh concentration camp.

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certain of the giant state corporations-such as the ESB and the P&T - are attempting to impose such agreements. After the massive effect of the last two day strike by the ESB power workers, the ESB has offered a measly 10% increase over 5 years (2% per year above the terms of any National Wage Agreement) as a lure to accept a "no strike or disruption of electricity supply" for five years! The P&T has increased its offer to the technicians to get them to agree to their comprehensive agreement after the long thirteen week strike this summer.

But workers throughout industry, including the ESB and P & T, are refusing to barter their working conditions and accept higher exploitation for a pittance. Already 3 of the Dublin Branches of the post office technicians union have voted against the proposed agreement despite its improved terms. A major strike is being waged by 600 members of the AGEMOU (Automobile General Engineering and Motor Operatives Unions) against the attempts of Cement Roadstone to push through a productivity agreement for a pittance.

One reason why productivity agreements have become the focus of so many struggles is that this is one of the few "legal" openings left for workers to seek wage increases under the system of National Wage Agreements which have been in operation since 1970. In fact, recently there have been a whole rash of wage increases forced by workers onto the employers, such as at Toyota and many others. One of the government ministers, Dr O'Donoghue, was forced to make a statement deploring the number of wage increases extracted from companies by the workers using this opportunity. And this after state insistence that any pay rise must be brought about by higher productivity. The recent ESB power workers strike was to force the company to pay for past productivity and come up with a decent wage increase for future productivity.

The workers have been forced to take up a most complex struggle for higher wages by the system of class collaboration forced on them under the National Wage Agreements by their so-called trade union leaders, the labour aristocracy heading the union bureaucracy. In this struggle they have had to combat the state's use of the bourgeois mass media to blackmail workers with "violation of the National interest". They have also had to brave the blackmail of their own class collaborationist trade union leadership that they are jeopardising the jobs of their fellow workers. Sometimes, as in the P & T, the workers have gone on strike to force the employers to come to terms with a productivity agreement and then fought against the terms, and now in P & T against

the whole package. At others, as in Roadstone, the struggle is to raise the wages offered.

But the main feature of all these struggles is that they daily break the class collaborationist agreement which has been reached for a long time between the labour aristocracy and the monopoly capitalist class - breaking their precious "peaceful industrial relations" with strikes. It breaks the conditions of "class peace" held out by the Irish monopoly capitalist class and the labour aristocrats to "attract foreign monopoly capital to southern Ireland".

The labour aristocracy, failing to stem this tide, is reaching the point of desperation, with a whole series of speeches by their leader, Harold O' Sullivan, President of the ICTU, against any attempt to break the "democratic agreement" of no strikes in the National Wage Agreement. The trade union leaderships are themselves in turmoil with one union, the AGEMOU, defying a suspension by Congress to continue the Roadstone strike, and with the resignation of 4 members of the National Executive of the Irish Post Office Engineering Union in refusal to recommend the terms of the agreement between the union executive and the Department of Post and Telegraphs to their members, and actually leading a struggle against such an agreement.

All these developments reflect the growing revolutionary strength of the struggle for higher wages in the south by the working class. This is an integral part of the entire national liberation struggle against foreign imperialist domination and national sell-out by the Irish bourgeoisie. Many strikes such as the recent fortnight long strike at Kilroy Brothers (a subsidiary of Smurfits) are achieving significant victories with substantial wage increases (in that case an improvement on the company's offer of £3 to £12 rise per week) This trend of strikes fully vindicates the conviction of Karl Marx in Wages Prices and Profits :

"...the very development of modern industry must progressively turn the scale in favour of the the capitalist against the working man, and that consequently the general tendency of capitalistic production is not to raise, but to sink the average standard of wages, or to push the VALUE OF LABOUR more or less to its MINIMUM LIMIT. Such being the tendency of things in this system is this saying that the working class ought to renounce their resistance against the encroachments of capital, and abandon their attempts at making the best of the occasional chances for their their temporary improvement? If they did, they should be degraded to one level mass of broken wretches past salvation. I think I have shown that their struggles for the standard of wages are incidents inseparable from the whole wages system that in 99 cases out of 100 their efforts at raising wages are only efforts at maintaining the given value of labour, and that the necessity of debating their price with the capitalist is inherent in their condition of having to sell themselves as commodities. By cowardly giving way in their everyday conflict with capital, they would certainly disqualify themselves for the initiating of any larger movement." (Wages Prices and Profits Page 77. Peking edition)

RULING CLASS PROPAGANDA FOR FURTHER ATTACKS ON WORKERS' LIVING STANDARDS

In the last two weeks the Ministers of the Fianna Fail government have been preparing the ground for futher attacks on the living standards of the working class. In a speech to a Fianna Fail meeting in University College Dublin, Belfield, Lynch again announced the government's intentions to impose harsh restrictions on wage increases and backed this up with threats of further unemployment if this is opposed by the working class. Besides wage controls, the government ministers have also been announcing their plans to implement the cuts in social services announced in the recent government Green Paper. Finance Minister Colley, in seperate speeches said the government was in the process of implementing plans to remove food subsidies, thus increasing food prices sharply, and of imposing taxation on children's allowances. Both wage restrictions and the cut backs in public expenditure in areas directly effecting the living standards of the working people are being carried out by the government in the interests of the rich, and to ensure that the profits of foreign and native monopoly capitalists are maintained.

With the National Wage Agreement negotiations between the ruling class and the trade union aristocrats impending, the government is increasing its propaganda for wage controls and supplementing their arguments with threats of unemployment and increased taxation. In his speech Lynch repeated the reactionary and anti-scientific arguments of the bourgeoisie, which place the entire blame for inflation and the other social ills of the capitalist system on the backs of the working class, and specifically on the pressure of the workers to win wage increases to meet the rising cost of living. He stated

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that the increases in wages won by the struggles of the workers over the last year had fuelled inflation, put some industries in jeopardy and resulted in unemployment being maintained at a higher level than necessary. In all this, Lynch, like all the members of the ruling class, put the cart before the horse in order to attack the workers and make them pay for the crisis of the imperialist system.

Inflation is a phenomena inherant within the capitalists system of production and its basic economic law of maximising profit, and thus capital, by increasing the exploitation of labour. It is brought about by the efforts of the ruling class to maximise the profits of the monopolies by manipulating the monetary system and putting into circulation excessive amounts of paper money that is not convertible into gold. The domination of the south by foreign monopolies and the policies of the government to facilitate this has meant that inflation has been very severe over the last decade or more. The massive national debt, the regular deficits in government budgets, the trade deficits, etc., all fuel inflation because the bourgeois state here and in Britain has been issuing more and more paper money unconvertible into gold in order to cover these deficits. This has resulted in the devaluation of the currency and consequently a general rise in consumer prices. This inflationary process increases the profits of the capitalists directly because while all commodities in the possession of the capitalists increase in price there is one exception - labour power. This does not increase except through the struggles of the working class to attain higher wages. Inflation lowers the real value of wages and thus allows the bourgeoisie to appropriate an even greater proportion of the wealth produced by labour. It is this crisis which accelerates the revolt of the working people, and higher wage increases are demanded just to keep up with the cost of living. So while inflation has been a weapon used by the capitalists to increase profits by lowering the value of wages, the ruling class then tries to intensify this exploitation by imposing wage controls under the hoax of combating inflation.

Inflation has always been an inherent part of the capitalist system, and history records many sharp rises in consumer prices over the last few centuries in Ireland. In the past inflation has been caused by the constant and old factors within capitalism, the anarchy of production, the cycle of booms and recessions, etc., but over the last few decades, new factors have sharply increased the rates of inflation, factors which correspond to the massive sell-out of the south to foreign imperialist capital. In the twenties and thirties, the bourgeois state in the south maintained the policy of restricting the growth in deficit budgeting and foreign borrowing but since the end of the second world war, and more particularly the acceptance of 'aid' through the Marshall Plan, the ruling class has opened wide the doors to foreign economic dependence, supplementing the already strong dominance of British monopoly capital with the monopoly capital of other imperialist powers. It is this national sell-out which has resulted in the present massive inflationary spiral. The south is presently the biggest debtor state in the EEC, with borrowings amounting to 13% of GNP. The servicing of these borrowings amounted to £429million over the last year, which is almost the entire revenue from direct taxation of incomes. The workers, under the PAYE system pay 87.6% of all income tax, and in the last year this amounted to £434 million which is only slightly over the amount needed to pay off the servicing of the state's borrowing. To offset its bankruptcy the state prints more paper money and this results in the devaluation of the currency and a rise in consumer prices. Moreover, because the south is tied to the British pound sterling, the inflationary measures of the British government are also directly effecting the working people in Ireland.

So long as the capitalist system exists inflation will be a weapon in the hands of the capitalist owners to realise greater profits at the working people's expense. And so long as the country is dominated by British imperialism and the monopoly capital of other countries, inflation will be used to maximise the profits of the foreign monopolies and increase their plunder of the national wealth.

For the working class there is no choice but to fight against the economic and political domination of monopoly capital which is everywhere and in every possible way attempting to impoverish them.

The various theories and plans of the ruling class which are produced under the guise of providing a 'solution' to the crisis are at best nothing but empty rhetoric and at worst, schemes for preparing the ground for further attacks on the workers' living standards. As already mentioned the bourgeoisie raise the catch-cry of "combating inflation" in order to attack the workers' wages when it is they themselves who are the cause of inflation. Similarly the catch cries of reducing the national debt are being used to attack the necessary social services such as medical health, social assistance etc. The schemes announced by Colley for removing food subsidies and for taxation of children's allowance are another form of taxation allowing the ruling class to claw back more of the workers' wages and to redistribute this taxation in the favour of the monopolies - in particular through the grants given to capitalists to set up industry and through the repayment of loans.

The imperialist economic crisis is an inherent part of the capitalist system and thus cannot be resolved by the bourgeoisie. But more than this, the various categories of the crisis, the inflation, high unemployment etc., are deliberately used and manipulated by the monopoly capitalists in order to pur-

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sue their aim of maximising profits at the working people's expense. Inflation and unemployment are aimed at reducing the value of workers' wages, of impoverishing the workers and allowing the monopolies to grab even more of the fruit produced by labour. The different economic theories and adjustments in government policies aimed at alleviating the crisis are in fact a means for creating more favourable conditions for the capitalists. Consequently, at one time we see inflation rising massively and at another the efforts of the bourgeoisie to deflate, all to the same purpose - maximising profits. This is the class essence of all the policies of the government and the phenomena of inflation and unemployment inherent in the system of capitalism.

The bourgeois theoreticians and their apologists in the trade union aristocrats and 'left-wing' opportunists try to cover over this class essence of the crisis. The trade union aristocrats, the social democrats in Sinn Fein - the 'Workers'' Party and the revisionists in the 'Communist' Party of Ireland oppose the cut-backs in social services and in some cases, also the wage controls under the National Wage Agreements. But they do so from the same bourgeois standpoint as the ruling class. They advocate 'alternative' policies of more government spending to lower unemployment and avoid telling the workers the reality of the situation ; that all such policies under the rule of monopoly capital which are passed through the Dail will not change one iota the exploitation and oppression of the people, they will merely present alternative means for the monopolies to maximise their profits It can only be through the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat against the very foundations of the economic and political domination of the bourgeoisie that the working class can successively resist the attacks on their living standards and build up their fighting organisations aimed at bringing about the only real solution, the overthrow of national and class oppression and the establishment of the working class as the ruling class in a country which is free from all foreign imperialist control.

Strike Struggles of the Working Class in the North

In the recent period, workers in many factories in the north have been going on strike against the attacks of the local capitalists and foreign monopolies on their wages and living standards. Some of the most recent strikes include :-

1,100 workers at Ford Autolite in Belfast striking against the 5 % limit on wage increases laid down by the British government.

800 workers at the Sirocco Engineering works implementing an overtime ban in opposition to the company's insulting 4% pay offer.

The workers at "Exquisite Fabrics" near Lurgan continuing a 4 week strike and sit-in in support of their just demand for more pay for operating new machinery.

The workers at the Lec refrigeration plant at Maydown industrial estate in Derry sitting-in in their fight for higher wages.

Workers at the Ballantyne Sportswear factory at Coleraine are continuing in their battle against the closure of the factory and the redundancy of the 300 workers there. After an 11-week long strike against the use of a supervisor in doing manual work, the workers were forced to hold a sit-in after the Ballantyne capitalists had shut down the factory and made all the men redundant. Although the sit-in has now ended, the workers are maintaining their struggle.

The workers at Mackies Engineering Works have rejected the 5% wage rise offer made to them by the management. In spite of having received a 22% increase in wages within the last twelve months the wages of the workers at Mackies are still lower than the average wage of engineering workers in northern Ireland. They have given the company two months to give in to their demands for a just wage increase.

The struggle against the 5% pay limit of the colonial government has, as the Ford strike shows , been developing in recent weeks, Like the 'Social Contract' and the other measures of the colonial government, the 5% pay limit is just another attempt to hold down wages. In 1975 the wage rises of workers in northern Ireland were limited to £6. In 1976 the rises were limited to 4½%. Last year, the increases were limited to 10% and now the government is trying to put a ceiling of 5% on wage increases for the coming year.

In the beginning of this period, in 1975, inflation was running at nearly 17% even according to the government's biased figures. Today inflation is still running at around 8% while the government is trying to limit the rise in wage levels to 5%. Thus each year saw the fall in the standard of living of the workers in northern Ireland.

The just anger of the working class in northern Ireland has been rising as the recent upsurge in the strike struggles has shown. In response to that the labour bosses have been forced to oppose the British government's latest 5% policy. The only reason these mis-leaders are opposing wage restraint now (having supported for years) is in order to save their own necks. The working class will not forget that it was the leader of the British Transport Union Jack Jones who proposed the £6 'Social Contract' in 1975.

The attempts by the colonial government to impose its 5% limit on pay rises is and will be met with the resistance of the working class.

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Irish Patriots in Jail are Heroes of the Irish Revolution



Sections of the Marchers in Derry who Carried Placards with the Names of Patriotic Prisoners and the Lengths of their Sentences (Photograph taken by RED PATRIOT staff.)

At the moment there are approximately 2,500 patriots in jail, north and south as well as in Britain, for their part in the struggle for Ireland's national independence and unity. Along with those killed or wounded by the reactionary authorities, they are and have made the greatest personal sacrifice for the future of our country. Upholding these patriots as true heroes of the Irish revolution has always been, and will be until independence, unity and social justice are achieved, one of the important ways of uniting and inspiring the people to continued the struggle.

2,000 prisoners in jail in the north of Ireland for patriotic reasons are continuing their heroic resistance to British colonial rule. For 2 years prisoners have been refusing to co-operate with the authorities in their just struggle for political status. They have refused to wear prison clothes and refused to do the work and duties normally carried out by an ordinary prisoner but not expected of a prisoner of war.

In order to try to discredit these patriotic fighters the British government in cooperation with its colonial lackeys in the north is carrying out a consistent campaign against them. The British government is attempting to make out that the patriotic fighters are ordinary criminals with no legitimate political objective.

However these attempts to discredit the patriotic fighters have fallen flat on their face because at the present time a powerful movement of the ordinary people is developing throughout the north and south to support the patriotic prisoners. This movement is directed against British imperialism and its colonial rule in the north and is frightening the reactionaries in the country of all "shades".

The Unionist bourgeoisie is frantically trying to develop a sectarian movement in the same way as it has done in the past in order to counter the growing patriotic movement of the ordinary people. The SDLP type reactionaries are assisting the British imperialists by labelling the patriots as murderers and at the same time trying to find a "compromise" or force the patriots to give up their struggle. All these tactics of the bourgeoisie are carried on with the connivance of the British government. However the experience of the hundreds of years of struggle against foreign control and against the internal reactionaries has taught important lessons to the Irish people and it is certain that the suppression of this movement will be even more difficult for British imperialism. The resistance is bound to be based more and more on the class interests of all the working and oppressed people, interests which cut across religious differences and which inevitably unite the people more powerfully than ever before in the struggle for a genuinely independent and united country.

Prisoners in the south and in Britain are also waging struggle against ill treatment and for political status. Their struggle is as important as the struggle as those imprisoned in the north of the country.

The fact is that, to the despair of British imperialism and its lackeys, the patriotic fighters in jail are continuing to inspire the broad masses by their present struggles in the same way as they did whilst directly participating in the national struggle outside jail. This shows the futility of the attempts by the British ruling classes to keep the country divided and maintain colonial rule in the north and neo-colonial rule in the south.

Paisley and other Fascist Elements are Stirring up more Trouble for the Working People

During the last few weeks various agents of British imperialism and the local bourgeoisie in the north, namely Paisley , the DUP , the UDA and other blatantly sectarian and fascist elements have been organising to create more trouble for the working people. This has been in evidence in their activities in Derry and in the issue surrounding the building of the Poleglass Estate in Belfast.

On successive weekends, those blatant fascist elements called for demonstrations in Derry to stir up opposition to the wave of demonstrations by working people against the colonial regime and demanding political status for patriotic prisoners. In the typical manner of Paisley's sectarian demagogy, these demonstrations were called 'religious gatherings'. However Paisley's two marches are nothing to do with the 'defence' of the Protestant faith', any more than the patriotic demonstration Paisley went to oppose to try to stop was anything to do with the 'defence of Catholicism'. The reactionary counter-demonstrations are part of the attempts by the local capitalists to oppose the people's movement for national independence. And by what means ? By resorting to sectarianism and religious intolerance and trying to cover over the political issues with religious bigotry

Paisley and the D.U.P. have also instigated a sectarian progaganda campaign on the housing issue trying in essence to whip up hysteria, claiming that catholics are being favoured in the housing policies of the government as meted out by the Northern Ireland Housing Authority, and in particular opposing the building of the Poleglass housing estate, in Belfast. They claim to be against this for various reasons - First they claim that no new houses are needed in West Belfast; Second that the estate is being created for 'catholics'only and that this is "discrimination against 'protestants'". Under the banner of religious discrimination and bigotry the D.U.P. is in effect simply opposing the building of more homes for the workers of Belfast. As rich capitalists themselves they can well afford to pass decrees that the working people should have less homes. At the same time Paisley and the D.U.P. are hoping to use this to create divisions amongst the workers of Belfast on a religious basis, by suggesting that 'catholics' are getting better treatment than protestants' etc. This is a foul attempt by this reactionary representative of the Irish monopoly capitalists in the north to try to create trouble for the working class, make their lives even more hard, and attempt to divide their unity and solidarity against the monopoly capitalists and turn the people against one another. Ten years ago there was also a shortage of houses for the working people in northern Ireland. Some people mistakenly suggested that it was only the 'catholic' workers who suffered from this and not the 'protestant' workers. In fact all the ordinary people suffered whilst the rich, of whatever religion, continued to live in luxury. At that time, the Unionist bourgeoisie in Stormont tried to cover over their anti-working class housing policy by pretending that they were nice to one section of the poor and not to the other section.

Today in the housing policy of the government, nothing basically has changed. Still hundreds and hundreds of people are badly housed, the entire Falls and Shankill areas of Belfast are in a desperate state. Still the capitalists are only building houses in as much as it serves their profit and not in as much as the people need houses.

The capitalists in power in local and national government each try to cloak their particular policies with the lies that they are looking after the workers of one or another religion, because these workers are being discriminated against. Paisley's campaign against the building of Poleglass is nothing but an attempt to keep the working class short of houses, and then to turn 'protestant' workers against 'catholic' workers, blaming their fellow workers for their plight rather than the policies of monopoly capital.

At the present time, Paisley like every other member of the ruling class, whether Unionist, SDLP etc. is attempting to destroy the solidarity of the workers in the many strikes in the north, and the growing patriotic upsurge in support of the prisoners by casting sectarian propaganda and lies about. This is typified in the bourgeois press which has gone out of its way to portray every action, every incident as based on sectarian motives. The hypocrisy of the press on this question is shown by the headlines carried recently when several factories had been bombed in Belfast. The local press carried banner headlines about 'Protestant areas' being bombed.

The British imperialists and Unionist bourgeoisie (and indeed the entire Irish capitalists north and south) use every possible means to bring to a halt the Irish people's struggles for national independence, re-unification and socialism. The recent powerful demonstrations marking the 10th anniversary of the upsurge are testimony to the determination of the working people to persist in this struggle. If the Unionist bourgeoisie (with of course the backing of the British capitalists and all the capitalists north and south) think that they can yet again launch vicious attacks on the people under the cover of religion and in this way prevent the forward motion of the struggle, they are mistaken. They will be met with fierce resistance--- a resistance that must and will rely on the unity of all workers and small farmers all acros Ireland, of every religion, against their common enemy- the monopoly capitalists of both Ireland and Britain.

LETTER
OF THE CC OF THE PARTY OF LABOUR AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBANIA TO THE CC OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA

July 29th 1978

The following article is the final part of the Letter written by the Central Committee of the Party of Labour and the Government of Albania to the Central Committee of the Communist Party and Government of China. The letter outlines the correct and principled stand of the Albanian Party and Government following the withdrawal of all economic and defence aid by the Chinese revisionist leaders. The full text of this historic letter has been serialised in RED PATRIOT. The three previous parts appeared in Red Patriot Nos. 75, 76 and 77.

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At present, the Chinese plan to become a superpower has found its concentrated expression in the infamous theory of «three worlds». The theory of «three worlds» seeks to replace Marxism-Leninism with an eclectic amalgamation of opportunist, revisionist and anarchic-syndicalist ideas and theses, it seeks to dampen the revolutionary spirit of the proletariat and its class struggle, advocating an alliance with the bourgeoisie and imperialism. Alleging that time is not ripe for revolution, the theory of «three worlds» seeks to preserve the status quo, the present situation of capitalist, colonialist and neo-colonialist oppression and exploitation.

Under the hoax of defence of national independence from Soviet socialimperialism which it regards as the only danger and threat today, China requires the peoples to give up their struggle for national, economic, and social liberation, to submit to US imperialism and the other capitalist powers of the West, the former colonialists. It presses for the strengthening of the Common Market and the European Union, organisms set up to keep the proletariat of Europe in capitalist bondage and to oppress and exploit the peoples of other countries. By fanning up the armaments race of the superpowers and relying on such instruments of war of US imperialism as NATO and other military blocs, the theory of «three worlds» instigates imperialist world war.

The theory of «three worlds» is a smokescreen to hide China's ambition for hegemony over what it calls the «third world». It is no accident that it has included itself in the «third world» and presents itself as its leader in the international arena. It is no accident either that the Chinese leadership is flirting with the «non-aligned» and seeking to take them under its wing.

The Chinese leadership is not the first to display its «affection» and «care» for the socalled «third world». The imperialists, the socialimperialists and the other neo-colonialists have worked out various theories on the «third world» long ago before it, in order to dominate and subjugate the countries and peoples of this «world». Therefore, it is a futile effort on the part of the Chinese leadership to claim that it is the first, as early as 1974, to have produced this theory on the basis of an allegedly objective analysis of the international situations made by Mao Tsetung. It is common knowledge that the theory of «three worlds» has been concocted by world reaction. The Party of Labour of Albania and the Albanian Government exposed and combated the theoretical and practical speculations in regard to the «third world» in the international arena as far back as 1960, and even before, as bourgeois-capitalist, neo-colonialist and racist manoeuvres and conspiracies to suppress the peoples who were fighting for freedom and independence.

The «contribution» of the Chinese leaders to the theory of «three worlds» consists only in its «substantiation» of the need for reconcilation of the «third world» with imperialism; they have discovered nothing; they conconcted the alliance of the «third world» with US imperialism and the other imperialists to solicit their aid and to make China an imperialist superpower.

Therefore, it is not the Party of Labour of Albania which attacks the Chinese inventor or champions of this theory; it is precisely the latter who were the first to attack the Party of Labour of Albania and the struggle it has waged against this theory of world reaction, the struggle it has conducted in support of the freedom and independence of the peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America, etc.

The implementation of the theory of «three worlds» led the Chinese leadership to unite even with the «devil», to unite with the US imperialists and the monopolists of Europe, with fascists and racists, kings and feudal lords, most rabid militarists and warmongers. Pinochet and Franco, former nazi generals of the German Wehrmacht and the Japanese imperial army, dyed-in-the-wool criminals like Mobutu and bloodthirsty kings, American bosses and presidents of multinational companies, became its allies.

This anti-Marxist line led China's leadership to unite with Tito, Carillo and other revisionists. At one time, it was against Tito, whereas now it has united with him. This testifies to its lack of Marxist-Leninist principles, to inconsistencies in its line. But our Party wants to tell the Chinese leadership: your uniting with Tito now and the suspicious alliances you are trying to piece together in the Balkans, pose a great danger to the peoples of this peninsula, to the Yugoslav, Albanian, Greek, Turkish and other peoples. Albania is well aware of the plans and ambitions of the Chinese leadership towards the Balkans. Therefore, the peoples of the world must be vigilant towards the Chinese intrigues in this region.

10. The Party of Labour of Albania has made every effort to solve the differences arisen between the two Parties and which were becoming pronounced with the passage of time, on the Marxist-Leninist road.

Proceeding from this desire, seeing that the Chinese leadership systematically failed to answer its letters and refused to send official delegations to Albania, seeing that ideological differences with the Chinese leadership were assuming broad

proportions, the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania did not stay aloof, but made other efforts to engage in comradely talks with it.

Thus, in January 1974, the Central Committee of our Party proposed to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China that a top level delegation of our Party and Government go to China for talks and that this visit be made, possibly, within the first six months of the year 1974. Though formally agreeing to the proposal of our Party, in point of fact, the Chinese leadership did not agree to our delegation going to Peking. In the beginning, the Chinese leadership told us that the delegation should arrive in the second six months of the year 1974, later it postponed its visit to the first six months of the year 1975. And, finally, it kept silent about this issue, thus barring the way to talks, at a time when kings and princes, reactionaries and fascists were welcomed with great pomp in Peking. It was clear that the Chinese leadership was persistently treading its anti-Marxist road, that in relations with our Party and country, it was guided by the concepts of great power chauvinism, that it was trying to have its line and dictate accepted unconditionally and indisputably.

In these conditions, when the Chinese leadership refused any contacts, when it avoided any discussion and consultation, when it was working arrogantly and overbearingly to impose the theory of the «three worlds» on the Marxist-Leninist movement, what had the Party of Labour of Albania to do? To connive at the anti-Marxist line of the Communist Party of China and deny itself? To give up the struggle against imperialism and modern revisionism and join the enemies of the revolution, socialism, the freedom and independence of the peoples? To break away from the Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries and unite with the opportunists and the reactionary bourgeoisie? To fail to support the national liberation struggle of the peoples against the superpowers and their agents in the ranks of these peoples?

The Party of Labour of Albania stood loyal to Marxism-Leninism and the correct and revolutionary line it has always followed resolutely, unwaveringly and consistently. It also presented this Marxist-Leninist line at its 7th Congress, where it put forward its views and stand with regard to the main international problems today, the revolution and the liberation struggle of the peoples. Just as at all its other congresses, at the 7th Congress, too, our Party expressed its views also on problems which have to do with the Marxist-Leninist movement in the spirit of proletarian internationalism. The line of the 7th Congress, which was unanimously approved by the entire Party, lies at the foundation of all the home and foreign policy of our country.

This Marxist-Leninist line of our Party, the independent policy of socialist Albania, the principled and resolute stand of the Albanian people, which have always run counter to the anti-Marxist big power line and policy of the Chinese leadership, are the main and real cause of the anti-Albanian attitudes and acts of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government, which led to the arbitrary cessation of civil and military aid to Albania.

This was evident especially after the 7th Congress of the Party of Labour of Albania, when the Chinese leadership, breaking every norm of relations between sister parties, hurried to attack the 7th Congress of our Party, under the pretence that it had allegedly attacked China, the Communist Party of China and Mao Tsetung.

The accusation of the Chinese leadership is groundless. For this suffice it to read the documents of the 7th Congress, which are all made public. It is not difficult for anyone to see that it contains no attacks either against China, or against the Communist Party of China or Mao Tsetung. The Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania has asked the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China through a letter dated December 24, 1976, to indicate when and where our Party has attacked the Communist Party of China and Mao Tsetung. To this day the Chinese leadership, as usually, has given no reply.

But the question does not consist in «attacks» which do not exist. The anger and arrogance of the Chinese leadership towards the 7th Congress draw their source from the fact that our Party did not adopt the Chinese anti-Marxist theses and views, its counter-revolutionary theory of the «three worlds». The Party of Labour of Albania, as a genuine Marxist-Leninist Party, agrees to discuss problems, but it has never accepted orders and directives from anyone on what it must put forward and how it must put forward its view at its own congresses. Therefore, it has never allowed any Party, whether small or big, including the Communist Party of China, to interfere in its internal affairs and dictate what it should do and how it should act.

11. Continuous changes have taken place in the leadership of the Communist Party of China as to its line, strategy and composition. The Party of Labour of Albania never defended this or that group of individuals that were removed from the leadership of the Communist Party of China. We have had and still have our opinion on everything and on every person or group of the leadership acting in China. This is natural.

The present Chinese leadership wanted the Party of Labour of Albania to support its acts with regard to the changes made at the head of the Communist Party of China. As we did not do it, it comes to the conclusion that we are partisans of Lin Piao and «the gang of four». It is wrong in both aspects, and this is one of the unavowed major political, ideological reasons which have urged the Chinese leadership to cease aid to Albania. The present Chinese leadership has wanted our Party to support its illegal and non-Marxist-Leninist activity to seize state power in China. Our Party has not fulfilled and will never fulfil this desire of the Chinese leadership. The Party of Labour of Albania never tramples on the Marxist-Leninist principles, and has never been, nor will it ever be anybody's tool.

In the ideological and political differences and contradictions with the Party of Labour of Albania, in the failure of the attempts of the Chinese leadership to impose its views and line on the Party of Labour of Albania lies the real reason of the Chinese decision to cease aid to Albania. Having failed to subdue socialist Albania, the Chinese leadership is now seeking to avenge itself and harm the construction of socialism in Albania. In so doing, it is revealing its anti-Marxist and counter-revolutionary countenance even more clearly.

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The cessation of credits and aid to socialist Albania on the part of the Chinese leadership is not only an episode, however grave, in the relations between China and Albania. This act assumes great international importance, it proves that China has come out against Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, that it has adopted and is applying a big power chauvinistic policy and dictate, that it is implementing hegemonic practices and it is perpetrating arbitrary and brutal acts of a superpower.

For its selfish aims, to make China a central world power, the Chinese leadership is publicizing itself as a «defender of small and middle-sized countries», that it is fighting against «the unfair division of the world economy», that it is against «economic discrimination against the developing countries by the imperialist powers», that it stands for the «development of their national economy», for «the strengthening of their inde-

pendence and sovereignty», that it is fighting «against bullying of the small by the big», etc. But when the Chinese leadership behaves like an enemy towards Albania, when it ceases aid and credits because the Party of Labour of Albania does not submit to its conductor's baton, all the falsity of the Chinese line is seen through, the not in the least good-intentioned aims and lies that the Chinese leadership wants to peddle to the peoples of the «third world» in order to suppress and enslave them, to impose its will and that of the old and new colonialists on them, are also clearly understood.

By cutting short aid to socialist Albania, at a time when China receives substantial aid and credits from US imperialism and world capitalism and accords aid and credits to their agents like Mobutu and his ilk, the Chinese leadership openly shows world public opinion that it does not agree ideologically with a truly socialist country, but it agrees and is in alliance with the enemies of socialism and the reactionaries, that it is against the socialist order, against the countries and peoples who demand liberation precisely from imperialism and socialimperialism, from oppression and dictate by big state chauvinism.

We want to say to the Chinese leaders: You extended the ideological differences and disagreements also to the field of state relations with our country. With this you dealt a heavy blow at the Albanian-Chinese friendship for which the Albanian people and the Chinese people have fought so hard. You made public the disagreements and differences and began open polemics. We accept this challenge and are not afraid of polemics. But you are fully responsible for all your hostile, anti-Marxist and anti-Albanian acts before the Chinese people and the Albanian people, before all world public opinion.

In order to provide the Albanian people and the Chinese people, and all world public opinion with the possibility of becoming acquainted with, and pass judgement on, the views of your Party and Government and the Albanian Party and Government with regard to the cessation of credits and aid on the part of China to Albania, we will publish this letter as well as the note of the Chinese Government in our newspaper «Zëri i popullit». We hope that you will publish our letter in your newspaper «Renmin Ribao». This is a norm which China has supported in the past.

The Party of Labour of Albania, the Albanian Government and people will fight to preserve the Albanian-Chinese friendship, which is a friendship between peoples. For their part, they will make every possible effort to maintain normal state relations between Albania and China. They are sure that the Chinese people will make a correct assessment of the Albanian stand and will know how to judge the anti-Albanian acts of the Chinese leadership.

The Chinese leadership ceased economic and military aid to Albania in the belief that Albania would have either to capitulate and submit to it or to stretch its hand out to others and be discredited. But the Chinese leadership has not reckoned with the Party of Labour of Albania and the Albanian people, their determination, the strength of their unity.

The People's Socialist Republic of Albania and the Albanian people, under the consistent leadership of the Party of Labour of Albania, with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, will thoroughly and honourably fulfil their historic mission for the construction of socialism by relying on their own forces, further proving to the proletariat and all the peoples of the world the inexhaustible and indomitable vitality of the Marxist-Leninist ideology, which enables even a small country, encircled by imperialism and revisionism, as Albania is, to build socialism successfully, to defend and carry it always ahead.

Albania will never submit to anybody, it will stand to the end loyal to Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. It will march nonstop on the road of socialism and communism illuminated by the immortal teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. The Albanian people, with the Party of Labour at the head, will resolutely and consistently support the revolutionary and liberation struggles of the peoples, their efforts for freedom, independence and social progress. They will fight uncompromisingly through to the very end against US imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism, modern revisionism and world reaction. Albania has never bowed its back or its head, either in the past or today, nor will it ever do so in the future.

The Chinese leadership will fail both in its sermons and in its intrigues. The reactionary act it committed against Albania is revolting to the conscience of every honest man and woman in the world. Though encircled, socialist Albania is not isolated because it enjoys the respect and love of the world proletariat, the freedom-loving peoples and the honest men and women throughout the world. This respect and love will grow even more in the future. Our cause is just! Socialist Albania will triumph!

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Appreciative Dublin Audience at Showing of "The Last Winter" -Film from Albania

On Saturday 14th October, the Irish-Albanian Film Society gave a showing of the Albanian film "The Last Winter ". This film - made in 1976 - gives a vivid picture of the National-Liberation War which the Albanian people waged against Italian fascist and German Nazi occupation. In particular, it shows the role which the ordinary people and especially the women played in giving essential assistance to the partisans.

The scene is set in the winter of 1943-4 when the nazi occupiers launched their last big drive to suppress the patriotic struggle of the Albanian people. The film takes the situation in one village. A nazi column has been despatched to this mountain area to search out the local partisan base. The women and old men hold off the nazis with rifle fire, while the wounded partisans are escorted away and the snow covers their tracks. The tactic which the Nazi commander adopts is to capture the village and try to extort information of the whereabouts of the partisan base from the remaining villagers. Despite the Nazis' vicious killing of some old men and boys, the villagers refuse to give any information and defy the threat that they also will be shot. The commander tries to force the village into submission by forcing them to stay outside - old men, women and children - during the whole of one night and day of freezing cold.

Failing to break the resistance of the villagers the commander allows them to return to their houses in the hope that their attempts to maintain contact with their sons and daughters in the mountains will lead the Nazis to their base.

The problem of the women is that they must re-establish supplies of food, clothing medicine etc. urgently (since the wounded had been unable to take many essentials in their hurried escape). At the same time they must evade detection by the Nazi troops.

The film shows the unflinching courage and resourcefulness of the people displayed under the conditions of Nazi occupation. It shows the high patriotic sentiments of the Albanian people and the class consciousness which the Communist Party of Albania (now the Party of Labour of Albania) endowed on them by its leadership and education during the National-Liberation war. In particular the film shows the essential and intergral role which the women of Albania played in liberating their country.

The film got an enthusiastic reception from the Dublin audience. A number of people commented on the importance of giving support to the People's Socialist Republic of Albania at this particular time. As the speaker from the film society had remarked in his introduction - "Socialist Albania is standing today as it has stood ever since its foundation - against imperialism and against revisionist betrayal of the socialist system. Today it is standing against the revisionist clique which is turning China into an imperialist power; it has stood firm against their attempts to use 'aid' as a means of blackmail to force the Party of Labour of Albania to adopt their revisionist "Three Worlds' Theory", just as it stood in the past against the blackmail and slander of Khrushchev and the Soviet revisionists and against Tito and the Yugoslav revisionists."

The showing of the "Last Winter" is one of a series of film shows from Albania organised by the Irish-Albanian Film Society. This work is contributing to the understanding of the Irish people of Albania and about the struggle of the Albanian people to win liberation and to build and defend their socialist system.

HUGE STRIKE WAVE IN IRAN

Mass Strikes Defy Shah's Terrorism

After the bloody events of September 8th in Iran when over 2,000 people were shot down by the fascist Shah's military forces, many reports have shown that the Iranian people have not been cowered and have persisted in their struggles to overthrow the Pahlavi regime. In the last week reports have been received of massive strikes paralysing the whole Iranian economy, and throwing the plans of the fascist Shah into complete disarray.

Workers at the massive Abadan oil refinery(which is one of the largest in the world and in the centre of the oilfields on which the foreign imperialist oil companies depend) militantly walked out demanding better wages and conditions and protesting against the fascism of the regime. Students and staff and other workers in the universities, colleges and schools have staged boycotts, and public servants in many fields are also on strike. A protest shutdown of Tehran's bazaar where much important trading is done, has been organised by the traders and workers demanding an end to the fascist actions of the Shah's military police and army and the freeing of the many political prisoners. Mass demonstrations also defied the martial law imposed in September and workers and peasants came out onto the streets demanding the release of the thousands of political prisoners taken over the past few months and calling for the death of the Shah and the overthrow of the imperialists' grip on the economy and politics of the country. Railway workers, bus crews and other transport workers are also on strike and general strikes have also been called and carried out in some towns.

All these events have thrown the Pahlavi regime

into a frenzy. The Shah has been forced to make repeated promises of 'further liberalisation' and 'reforms'.(The extent of such liberalisation can be seen by the frequency with which he massacres his subjects.) The regime is also racked with divisions as to how to handle the popular unrest. The second Minister of the government(the deputy Prime Minister) has resigned his post over disagreements over how to crush the resistance of the civil servants. The long time hated head of the nazi SAVAK secret police has also had to be called back from his post as Ambassador to Pakistan to face charges of corruption and abuse of power as the Pahlavis try desperately to find a scapegoat for the atrocities that they have committed against the people of the country.

All these fresh events are further evidence of the growing revolutionary ferment taking place in Iran and the incapacity of the Iranian fascist rulers to quench the people's determination to overthrow him, his regime and establish a genuinely independent, democratic and socialist state in Iran. This they will do under the leadership of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran.

STUDENT AT BOLTON STREET ARRESTED
Under the Fascist 'Offences Against the State' Act!"

On Wednesday morning, October 11th, ten armed police raided the house of an activist supporting the Communist Party of Ireland(Marxist-Leninist) and its organisation in Bolton Street Technical College in Dublin - Bolton Street Student Movement. The raid took place allegedly to search for a "stolen clock" and during it, the comrade was arrested under the 'Offences Against the State Act', forcibly manhandled into a police car and held 'for interrogation' for twelve hours at Rathmines Garda barracks. He was interrogated off and on for over eight hours about his political activities and associates. He was eventually released when it was clear that this pressure was getting the police nowhere, and was not charged at any time with any offence at all.

This search and arrest was purely political and was another blatant example of the fascist powers that the 'Free State' government uses against anyone who stands up for the interests of the Irish working class and people. It exposes the hoax of 'freedom' and 'democracy' under the present state and shows that the police have and use these powers to directly suppress political activists who organise against the interests of the Irish monopoly capitalist class.

There has been a long and vicious history of the 'Free' state's fascism against the Irish people. The present'Offences Against the State Act' was passed despite massive opposition from very wide sections of the people and it allows the police to arrest, search and hold for days without charges or any evidence whatsoever ANYONE they like without ever having to provide any concrete reason. It allows them to suppress anyone working politically amongst the people at will and is a total denial of the democratic rights of the working people of Ireland.

This attack is but one of a vast number which the state is carrying on day by day in the country. In the last year or so, many activists in the patriotic movement and working class movement have been similarly arrested and harrassed. Clear examples being the trade union activists in Liffey Dockyard the members of the IRSP, the painters' pickets at the E.S.B., the Gouldings' workers - just to cite a few.

The democratic rights of the Irish people are inviolable. They cannot be 'justly' suppressed or limited by any government. It is a fundamental right for the working class and people of our country to organise for the overthrow of British imperialism and to gain the complete independence and unity of Ireland, and to organise for the establishment of a socialist state.

The current legislation and these continuing attacks show conclusively that there is no 'legal' guarantee of these basic rights, and that only the vigilence and active organisation of the people can defend them. In the long run, it is only when the class and state that maintains its power by suppressing our rights is overthrown that these basic democratic rights can be established.

(The article above is taken from the text of a leaflet issued by Bolton Street Student Movement calling on students at the college to attend a meeting to protest this attack.)

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