

# TROOPS OUT

## NEWS-SHEET OF NORTH WEST LONDON TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT

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The Troops Out Movement (T.O.M.) is a broad based organisation that believes the only way to achieve a lasting peace in Ireland is to allow the Irish people as a whole to determine their own future.

The British ruling classes, to further their own interests, created and have nurtured sectarianism among the Irish people, which culminated in the setting up of an artificial statelet in the North East of Ireland. While this statelet, with its built in sectarian divisions, exists, the Irish will always be subjected to British economic, and in the North East, military, domination.



The first step towards ending British imperialist domination is to get rid of the British military presence in the six counties. To try and achieve this T.O.M. is campaigning among the British working class to build a mass movement to demand that troops are withdrawn from Ireland.

YOU CAN HELP. If you are a member of an organisation or a group such as a Trade Union, Trades Council, a constituency Labour party, or a women's or community group, or a tenants' association, you can work to win your organisation to take a stand on the question of Ireland. Pass a resolution calling for Troops Out Now and Self Determination for the Irish People.

You can get your organisation affiliated to the Troops Out Movement. You can join a T.O.M. branch and help initiate action in your area on the troops.

If you are interested contact your local T.O.M. representative at KILBURN SQUARE, EVERY SATURDAY 2.00 - 3.30 pm.

#### FRANK STAGG

"We are a risen people. This time we will not be thrown back into the gutter"

On February 12th Frank Stagg died on hunger strike in Wakefield prison, murdered by the British government. He joins the long list of patriots and martyrs who have given their lives to try and free Ireland from the yoke of British domination.

That the representatives of the British state cold-bloodedly murdered Stagg there can be no argument. He was sentenced to death for the 'crime' of demanding political prisoner status, which he was entitled to as a prisoner of war.  
DUBLIN GOVERNMENT BACKS UP JENKINS

After his death, one could have been forgiven for thinking that his body could be transported back to the land of his birth, and he could be given the martyr's funeral he deserves. But this would be to underestimate the police state government in Dublin, who in their efforts to outdo their masters in London, forced the corpse of Frank Stagg to undergo its final indignity.

First, the plane taking the coffin to Dublin was hijacked to Shannon; then came the refusal to allow the coffin



into the custody of Provisional Sinn Fein representatives, as Frank Stagg requested in his will.

Finally the secret burial 50yards away from the Republican plot - secret, that is if you ignore the presence of hundreds of armed troops, police and special branch.

FUNERAL SHOWS GOVERNMENTS FEAR OF REPUBLICAN SUPPORT IN EIRE  
Even dead Republicans are apparently a grave threat to the Fine Gael/Labour coalition. The same government a few months ago, with blatant hypocrisy, gave a state funeral with great pomp and ceremony, to another IRA freedom fighter, or rather ex-IRA freedom fighter, Eamon de Valera. Now they have treated the world to an obscene and cowardly spectacle, the desecration of a martyr's grave.

They would do well to remember the words of Pearse at the graveside of O'Donovan Rossa:

"Life springs from death and from the graves of patriot men and women spring nations". There will be no place for in that nation for the likes of those who sit in Leinster House and betray the cause of Irish freedom.

The name of Frank Stagg will be remembered with pride by all freedom loving people long after these traitors and their British masters have been swept into the dustbin of history and forgotten.

#### THE LONDON BOMBINGS

The death of Frank Stagg has seen a resumption of bombings in London. Assuming Republicans are responsible (and given the his history of loyalist and British army bombings in Ireland both North and South, it is only safe to assume) how do we relate to these recent Bombings?

What is important is to understand the root cause of the bombing campaign. It is not, as the gutter press would have us believe, because there are some bloodthirsty Irish who like nothing better than blowing up 'innocent' British civilians. Rather, it is the reaction by certain sections of the Nationalist population, to the last six years of British Army terror and intimidation in the Catholic ghettos in the six counties.

The responsibility for the violence in Britain and Ireland lies squarely upon the shoulders of the British state and its armed forces.

Whether you condemn or condone the bombing campaign, the only way of effectively stopping it is by removing the source of violence. That is, to get the Troops out of Ireland NOW, and

ALLOW THE IRISH PEOPLE AS A NATION TO SORT OUT THEIR OWN FUTURE FREE FROM EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE.

TROOPS OUT NOW