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Glencree Centre Meetings at Royal Dublin Hotel

NO PLATFORM FOR UNIONIST FASCISTS IN DUBLIN!

Next Tuesday, 7th June, the Glencree Centre for so-called 'reconciliation' plans to give a platform to a number of unionist politicians - namely, Ken Maginnis M.P.(Official Unionists), Councillor Sammy Wilson ('Democratic' Unionists), and John Alderdice (Alliance).

Why should any platform be provided in Dublin for such fascists?!

Already - two years ago - Dublin has had experience of what such meetings of the Glencree Centre mean by 'reconciliation', in an identical series of meetings as this on the same subject - the Anglo-Irish Agreement - in Buswells Hotel. Anyone at those meetings who protested against the presence of unionists, such as John Taylor or Gregory Campbell, found out immediately what 'reconciliation' the Glencree Centre had in mind. Even an elderly man who

made an objection was immediately surrounded and 'escorted' from the meeting by uniformed gardai, on standby for such eventualities, whilst inside the meeting plain-clothes Special Branch carried their Uzi sub-machine guns at the ready scarcely concealed in their garb as duffle-bag hippy types.

The only reconciliation that the Glencree Centre is promoting is reconciliation with continued national subjugation and partition by a foreign occupying power, British imperialism. Why - after our forefathers fought to rid our country of unionism along with British rule - should these hirelings of a foreign power be allowed to peddle national subjugation here in the capital once again?! Why should we allow democratic principles such as Articles 2 and 3 in the Constitution, Bunreacht na hEireann, to be blatantly ridiculed, as

they are by such unionist fascists?!

Come to that, why should we allow any meeting to promote that such fascists really represent any section of the Irish people, in particular the people of protestant background in the north. These unionist fascists are the representatives solely of the bourgeoisie who are the exploiters and oppressors of protestant as well as catholic people. They are the partners-in-crime of the undercover fascist gangs, the U.D.A., U.V.F. etc. - the organisations of murderers and assassins which they have set up and armed in tandem with the British Military Intelligence to terrorise the protestant people as well as the rest of the Irish nation. Why should we let murderers and assassins of the Irish people pour out their hatred of the Irish people on any platform in Dublin!

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OPPOSE SUPERPOWER WARMONGERS' ILLUSION-MONGERING ABOUT PEACE!

The fourth summit between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev is taking place in Moscow this week amidst massive hype in the bourgeois media. As with previous summits this media circus is being used by the chieftains of U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism as a massive propaganda exercise in which those, who have armed themselves to the teeth with the most horrendous weapons of mass destruction and are threatening to plunge the world into a cataclysmic war, try to dress themselves in the raiments of pacifists and are presented as those who are foremost in struggling for the solution to the problem of international conflict and war.

The aim of all this is of course to disarm the ever-increasing opposition of the world's people to their criminal preparations for war to sort out their contention for world hegemony.

It is notable that at the same time as singing lullabies about 'disarmament' and the 'new detente' the leaders of the two imperialist superpowers have been hard at work at this summit trying to undermine each other and to win over public opinion to their side. Reagan, his hands dripping with the blood of the peoples of Central America and elsewhere, has been lecturing Gorbachev on 'human rights', while the Soviet social-imperialists for their part have been presenting Gorbachev as the model of a peaceloving statesman and the epitome of reasonableness in

comparison to the star-gazing failed movie star and would-be town marshal heading western imperialism. Reagan staged a meeting with Soviet 'dissidents' (open pro-western reactionaries), whilst Gorbachev organised a press conference of American native people to prove that the American people are also oppressed.

The Issue is: What is Source of War Preparations?

All this carry-on of course served to remind anyone who needed reminding that in spite of all the talk of peace and love there is a

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At the call of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), 'SPIRIT OF FREEDOM' COMMITTEE are organising pickets of this series of meetings, which have been organised at the Royal Dublin Hotel for the sole purpose of promoting fascist ideas and obliterating democratic principles. Marxist-Leninist Weekly calls on the patriotic and democratic people of Dublin to rally on Tuesday evening next week to demand that there should be **NO PLATFORM FOR UNIONIST FASCISTS IN DUBLIN!**

Marxist-Leninist Weekly is reprinting the leaflet of the 'Spirit of Freedom' Committee which is being distributed to mobilise people to picket the Glencree Centre series of public meetings at the Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell Street.

JOIN THE PICKET FOR UNITY AND FREEDOM!

These fraudulent 'debates' are being organised to promote acceptance of foreign imperialist subjugation, partition and internal fascism and sectarian division under the guise of 'promoting reconciliation and democracy'.

TRUE PURPOSE OF GLENCREE CENTRE MEETINGS

Every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. for the next four weeks an organisation called the 'Glencree Centre For Reconciliation' is holding a series of meetings at the Royal Dublin Hotel in O'Connell Street entitled 'The Hillsborough Accord - A Review'. This organisation ("founded in 1974 as a

response to violent conflict in Ireland") claims that such activities are part of its work to "promote the conditions for a just and peaceful society".

But is this true?

This review of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, signed by Margaret Thatcher and Garret FitzGerald at Hillsborough Castle in the British-occupied north of Ireland on November 15 1985, is being conducted in the following way:- on 31st May some journalists and academics are 'identifying the issues' involved; on 7th June several unionist politicians give alleged 'northern protestant views' on the Anglo-Irish Agreement; on the 14th June 'Irish Nationalists Respond' and at the final meeting on 21st June various 'Free' State and British politicians discuss the 'inter-governmental issues'.

In other words, these meetings are being organised on exactly the same basis that the Anglo-Irish Agreement itself is framed: namely, that the problems in Ireland are caused by divisions between 'two opposed communities and traditions', variously described as 'protestant/unionist/British' and 'catholic/nationalist/Irish'. The fact that a foreign power is unjustly interfering in the internal life of another nation, occupying part of it and partitioning it as a whole - all in total violation of democratic principles on the rights of nations enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations signed by Britain itself - has nothing to do with the problems . . . according to this 'analysis'!

It is from the fact that this 'Glencree Centre for Reconciliation' sets out the issues in this way - i.e. according to the agenda set by the foreign aggressors in Ireland themselves, the British imperialists - that we can clearly see what the true purpose of these meetings is. It is to push the British imperialist 'analysis' of the 'Irish problem' as part of the British ruling class' abiding objective of

disarming Irish resistance by concealing Britain's crime of foreign interference as the cause of all evils in Ireland. This 'analysis' they push so as continue maintaining "in perpetuity" (as Tom King has said) their unjust and illegal foreign occupation of the north and partition of Ireland as a whole.

GLENCREE CENTRE IS FRONT FOR BRITISH INTELLIGENCE BLACK PROPAGANDA

Over the last ten years a number of articles and books, for instance 'Britain's Military Strategy in Ireland - The Kitson Experiment' by Roger Faligot (Brandon Books 1983), have identified organisations such as the 'Glencree Centre for Reconciliation' as fronts set up by British Intelligence to push their black propaganda and disinformation. In the words of the British military expert in counter-revolutionary warfare for the subjugation of colonies etc., the government "must also promote its cause and undermine that of the enemy by disseminating its view of the situation, and this involves a carefully planned and co-ordinated campaign of what for want of a better word must regrettably be called psychological operations". ('Low Intensity Operations' by Brigadier Frank Kitson, p.71).

This is clearly the purpose of these meetings at the Royal Dublin Hotel.

To debate Ireland's problems in terms of 'divisions between two communities' is as fascist and misleading as South Africa's promotion that their problems are caused by 'innate differences between Blacks and Whites'.

In the case of South Africa, the racist and fascist government is protecting the exploiting interests and profits of the capitalists and those of



British and American imperialism by denying all democratic rights and freedom to the Azanian people on the fraudulent Nazi 'logic' that black people are innately different from and inferior to white people. In the case of Ireland the British imperialists have striven to maintain their exploitation of Ireland by claiming the right to interfere as an 'impartial peacekeeper between opposed communities within Ireland'.

Just as there could be no restoration of democracy in Nazi-occupied Europe, and there can be no democracy for the masses of people in South Africa without the overthrow of fascism and the fascist regime, Irish people cannot unite around their own common interests, regardless of any so-called 'differences' in background, without smashing and suppressing fascist ideas and the source of fascism in Ireland - foreign interference by British imperialism and collaboration by the Irish monopoly bourgeoisie and the twin mouthpieces of British 'divide and rule', unionism and constitutional 'nationalism'.

For there to be genuine democratic debate fascism must be suppressed. The precondition for democracy in Ireland is for us first to organise to unite to kick out British imperialism.

'SPIRIT OF FREEDOM' COMMITTEE, at the call of the party of the Irish working class, the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), is organising pickets outside the Royal Dublin Hotel to enable democratic and patriotic people to rally to voice their opposition to this whole fraud which the British imperialists and their agents in Ireland, the unionist and constitutional 'nationalist' politicians and parties, are trying to brainwash our nation and world public opinion into accepting.

Denounce these fraudulent 'debates' being organised on the basis of the lying fascist 'theory' that Ireland's problems are caused by internal division between 'two opposed communities and traditions' instead of foreign interference!

Oppose such fraudulent 'debates', organised by the British imperialists and their agents, the national traitor capitalists and their parties (i.e. both unionist and constitutional 'nationalist'), as part of their 'divide and rule' tactics to prevent Irish people from seeing that it is British imperialism as the foreign aggressor which is the

source of all problems in Ireland!

Organise to put a stop to such fraudulent 'debates' so that the Irish people can discuss instead how we can unite to throw British imperialism out of Ireland as the only path to genuine democracy and peace!

**JOIN THE PICKET FOR
UNITY AND FREEDOM!**

Every Tuesday evening 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. outside the Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell Street, for the next four weeks - 31st May, 7th June, 14th June, 21st June.

The Accumulating Health Cuts have led to Crisis within the Hospital System and in the Lives of Ordinary People

Continuation of article in last week's issue, which dealt with the growing crisis in the health service in the particular field of mental health.

Conditions in the general hospitals also have fallen to crisis point, placing many very sick and old patients at risk and putting enormous strain on the reduced medical staff who are being forced to try to cope with an onerous workload, often resulting in stress-related and other illness among staff themselves.

Nurses in particular have been badly hit, with student nurses now on a disgracefully low £58 per week, obliged to care for seriously ill patients after only 8 to 10 weeks' classroom training. While nurses have always been exploited as 'service employees' and general dogsbodies, this abuse has now reached new heights with the reduction in domestic staff, helpers, orderlies. The outpatients departments of these general hospitals, which many people now depend on because of the acute shortage of hospital beds, or refer to in an emergency are understaffed with a small team of doctors and nurses expected to cope with large numbers of patients in a short period of time. The £10 fee imposed on patients using this service is a source of financial hardship for very many and was introduced by the present government to cut down on the numbers of outpatients by driving them into the increasingly promoted 'private sector medicine'.

While many small rural and some small and large general hospitals have continued to be closed and the home help service, social work service, and public nursing drastically cut, with physiotherapy virtually non-existent in the community care area, more and more people who can ill afford it have been forced to take out subscriptions

with the Voluntary Health Insurance scheme where basic cover for a couple can amount to £300 approximately per year. Last year new subscribers to the VHI were of the order of 40,000 indicating the fear which is felt at having to rely on a service to which all are in justice entitled. The VHI has indicated that it expects a further 30,000 new subscribers this coming year as the Government imposes further savage cutbacks on an already mutilated health service.

Given the dismantling of the health service which has been carried out uninterrupted over the last ten years the question arises - what can be the end result of this process? Are we to accept, as put forward by the various bourgeois parties and their mouthpieces, that people can look forward to a 'rationalised, pared-down cost-effective and efficient service operating to the benefit of all'? Or - as the question is more commonly posed - where will it all end?

There can be no doubt but that past and present trends point in only one direction - total privatisation of all medical services. In other words the rich and those who have any money whatsoever will pay, and dearly, for any and every medical attention whatsoever, while working class and poor people can be prepared to wait and die on interminable waiting lists while public hospitals close and 'VHI wards' and the luxurious business health enterprises such as the Blackrock Clinic have vacant beds.

A call for 'means testing of eligibility to public hospital services' with 'people on higher incomes liable for a percentage of their costs' which came recently from an orthopaedic

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fundamental conflict between the two superpowers. This conflict is not because one of them upholds 'democracy', 'freedom' and 'human rights' while the other does not . . . both are clearly enemies of any of such principle. Neither is it a conflict between communism and capitalism as both Reagan and Gorbachev are in favour of the latter.

It is in fact a straightforward inter-imperialist rivalry such as spawned both previous world wars this century. Furthermore, it should be noted, it is this basic conflict which is actually the source of the danger of war, not the arms race which is itself simply the inevitable product of such conflict and preparation for actual war.

Many illusions are being encouraged that negotiations and agreements to curtail the murderous arsenals possessed by the superpowers in some way curtails the fundamental conflict itself. But such conflict is the product of the socio-economic system of capitalism and imperialism itself (the life and death competition for the world market and, moreover, for monopoly in the market). Agreements, even so-called arms reduction, conducted between imperialists, no more reduces the danger of war than such truces between rival Mafia gangs ends crime in the U.S.A. Just as the practice of truces in the case of the Mafia is not to eradicate crime but to create elbow room to make crime still more socially all-pervasive, the peace negotiations between imperialists is actually to prepare for still greater competition and even larger scale armed conflict.

Have Previous Agreements Lessened Threat of War?

This is not to say that there is any real evidence that the two superpowers are serious about reducing their arsenals in any case, despite all the hullabaloo whipped up around this summit about the recent ratification of the I.N.F. Treaty in Washington and Moscow and the proposal to sign an agreement on inter-continental-range missile testing before the summit ends.

A recent study shows, for example, that the two superpowers have added more than 4,000 weapons to their strategic arsenals in the last 4 years, despite all the 'arms control' talks, etc.

The number of U.S. weapons has gone up from 10,626 to 12,732 while

the number of Soviet weapons has gone from 8,087 to 10,412 . . . giving a total of 23,144 compared with 18,713 in 1984, even allowing for the withdrawal of hundreds of obsolete missiles. In the face of this it is hard to see why we should sleep any more soundly at night because of what amounts to the withdrawing of one class of missiles, under the I.N.F. Treaty, that amount to only some 3% of the superpowers CURRENT arsenals, while they continue to develop and introduce new systems, such as S.D.I, etc.

The two superpowers have of course signed many treaties and accords over the last 30 years, such as the Test Ban Treaty in 1963, the Treaty banning weapons from outer space in 1967, the anti-ballistic missile Treaty in 1972, the Nixon-Brezhnev Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty in 1972, the Carter-Brezhnev SALT-2 Treaty in 1979, etc. At the same time there has been absolutely no decrease in the Arms Race and there is absolutely no reason to feel any more secure as the result of another Reagan-Gorbachev summit or the signing of another agreement.

On the contrary! It is only the resolute opposition of the world's people to the imperialist war preparations, including the working class and people of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., that will stay the hand of these warmongers. And, in the final analysis, it is only through the revolution, with the people united and led by the working class and their Marxist-Leninist parties in each country, that humanity can finally eradicate the danger of war at its source by abolishing capitalism and imperialism as a system, putting an end to the class of warmongers themselves, the bourgeoisie. The people must be extremely vigilant against efforts to put them to sleep on these questions.

The Question of Regional Conflicts and 'Hot Spots'

Apart from the peace demagogy, one of the most repulsive aspects of the summit has been the talks taking place on 'Regional Conflicts', i.e. the areas of the world such as the Middle East, Central America, South Africa, etc, where the people are rising up against imperialism, and where the superpowers go fishing to make gains at the expense of each other while at the same time colluding to drown in blood the just struggles of the people

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surgeon - it must be pointed out, someone not representative of the medical profession in general, who are opposed to government cutbacks right up to the highest levels, but one of the founders of the Blackrock Clinic - sums up the brutal disregard of those who control this society in the interests of their own profit-making, hand in glove ideologically and politically with their class brethren in the Dail who oversee their interests to the detriment of the masses of ordinary people.

But the Irish people whom they try to bamboozle with the deception of 'sacrifice now, better days ahead' must know that there are no better days ahead while the rich rule the roost under the system of private property including private medicine. Medical attention should be regarded as the birthright of all. But this can clearly only be achieved by the complete reconstruction of society on a new basis, on the basis of socialism, where the working people themselves administer society

for national and social liberation.

What is discussed in these talks? What plots are hatched up? What deals are struck and what decisions taken on the fate of other peoples and countries behind these closed doors? None of this is of course made public, but one can be sure that none of it is favourable to the freedom and wellbeing of the people anywhere. On these questions as well the people must be extremely vigilant with regard to the manoeuvres of the enemies of peace and freedom.

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