

DOWN WITH ALL IMPERIALISMS!

In the world today struggling against US imperialism, currently the biggest oppressor and exploiter of people in many countries, is essential and it is the duty of everyone of a revolutionary or progressive outlook to actively engage in such anti-imperialist struggle. However there are other imperialist powers at large on the international scene and they need to be opposed as well. In particular there is the leading junior partner of US imperialism, British imperialism, whose operations extend to many areas around the world such as Azania, the Persian Gulf, the Malvinas/Falklands and, not least, Ireland. Labourites such as Tony Benn and David Blunkett have a lot to say against US imperialism but are not so forward with criticism of British imperialism. What is more, these type of people peddle the myth that Britain is a neo-colony of the USA, in much the same position as one of the imperialistically dominated countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America. This is a grave misconception. Let there be no doubt about it that Britain is still a powerful imperialist country and the Little Englander anti-Americanism of the left Labourites diverts attention from this vital fact. The first task of people in Britain is to oppose British imperialism because this is the imperialism we are best placed to weaken and undermine.

SUPPORT THE IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE

The Irish people have been fighting against foreign imperialist invaders for centuries. For four hundred years the Irish have been viciously oppressed and exploited by British imperialism and now they are faced with other imperialist powers as well, such as the USA, Japan and West Germany. This occupation of their country has always been opposed by the Irish workers and peasants and at present it is the Irish Republican Army which is leading the armed struggle against the British Army. While the politics of the IRA are petit bourgeois nationalist, and thus cannot provide the necessary political guidance for complete victory against imperialism, it is nonetheless the case an objective fact that it is the IRA who are waging a war of national liberation against British imperialism. For this reason all people in Britain who sincerely and wholeheartedly oppose British imperialism should openly support the IRA. However the leftist Labourites such as Benn and Ken Livingstone refuse to support the IRA. Instead they put out calls for the withdrawal of British forces from Ireland which, while in itself desirable, falls short of all out opposition to British imperialism. If the anti-imperialist armed struggle of the Irish people against the armed forces of the British state is a just one then why do the Labourites refuse to support it? Perhaps they are more concerned with saving the face of the British imperialist state, of which they are a part, than they are with genuinely supporting anti-imperialist struggles.

OPPOSE SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM

A major and rising imperialist power in the world today is the Soviet Union. Once a socialist country the USSR has undergone counter-revolution and now is under the domination of state monopoly capitalism. The Gorbachev "reforms" are simply the latest stage of capitalist restoration. As an advanced monopoly capitalist society the USSR is necessarily driven towards imperialist expansion in order to try to maintain its own internal economic and political stability. For those who have eyes to see it is very obvious that the conduct of the USSR and its allies including Cuba in countries such as Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Afghanistan and Kampuchea is no different from that of America and Britain in other parts of the world. Under the guise of supporting indigenous "progressive" elements against "reactionary" ones the Soviet Union is engaging in massive exploitation and devastation of these countries. In some places the USSR supports genuine national liberation forces, such as the Sandinistas, but only in order to get their imperialist boot in the door just as in the 1950s US imperialism pretended to support some anti-colonial struggles against Britain and France.

Despite the openly imperialist character of the USSR today it is rarely criticised by those in Britain and other Western countries who freely attack US imperialism. Instead people such as the leftist Labourites and Trotskyites fall over backwards in trying to dream up justifications for Soviet social imperialism. They tell us that the mass murder by the Red Army of Afghans is "for their own good", to forcibly liberate them from feudal oppression. This all sounds rather like nineteenth century British imperialists claiming that they were saving African peoples from "paganism" or US imperialists saving people from "communism". Furthermore Labourites such as Benn, in the company of open reactionaries like Enoch Powell, claim that Britain and Russia are "natural allies" and should unite so as to oppose US imperialism. In other words, Soviet social imperialism is all right as long as it does not interfere with the interests of British imperialism and can be used as a foil against US imperialism. It is ironic that the Labourites and their Trotskyite friends had nothing but venomous hatred for the Soviet Union when it was on the socialist road whereas now when it has become

imperialist they are Soviet social imperialism's main apologists in Britain. People in Britain who genuinely support anti-imperialist struggles should oppose all imperialist powers, including the Soviet Union.

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S WAR IN PERU

Ever since 1980 the most politically advanced anti-imperialist struggle in the world has been raging in Peru, a people's war directed against imperialism and its local agents. This national liberation struggle is based among poor peasants and workers and is led by the Communist Party of Peru, sometimes known as Sendero Luminoso which means "Shining Path", guided by the political outlook of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. This war has dealt some heavy blows against the pro-imperialist Peruvian ruling class and already the basic structures of a new democratic people's state have been established in areas liberated by the revolutionary armed forces. This war of national liberation is the most politically advanced revolutionary struggle in the world today and yet the Labourites and Trotskyites in Britain choose to either ignore it or dismiss it. So why is this especially since US imperialism is the main foreign oppressor in Peru?

The present government in Peru is formed out of the social democratic APRA party headed by Alan Garcia, President of Peru. Although Garcia makes anti-imperialist noises he enjoys the full backing of US imperialism, rather like his namesake in Spain. Under the APRA regime the Peruvian armed forces have used the most brutal methods, including torture and massacres, to try to defeat the people's war. In the course of doing this they have been amply equipped with armaments supplied by the Soviet Union back in the 1970s when one section of the Peruvian ruling class flirted with Soviet social imperialism. In 1986 Garcia hosted the conference of the "Socialist" International, to which the British Labour Party is affiliated, in Lima. The popular revolutionary forces responded to this gathering of pro-imperialist lackeys by mortaring their meeting hall which sent many of these creeps rushing for the airport! Garcia and his armed forces were swift to take their revenge. Immediately they massacred hundreds of revolutionary prisoners held in gaol. Garcia and his social democratic regime proved themselves the equals in barbaric oppression to any other bunch of imperialist puppets. No wonder the Labourites and Trotskyites have little to say about the people's war in Peru when it is being opposed by a social democratic regime armed by Soviet social imperialism.

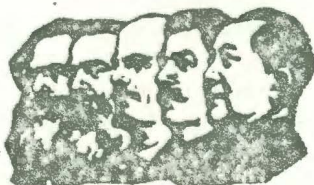
REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT

In 1984 a number of Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations came together to found the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, a significant step towards the reconstruction of the communist international. The Communist Party of Peru is a participant and so is the Revolutionary Internationalist Contingent in Britain. RIM supports all genuine struggles by workers and other oppressed people wherever they take place and against whatever imperialist oppressor they are directed. Like Lenin we do not pick and choose among rival imperialist powers claiming some are not so bad as others and thus should not be opposed but rather we consider them all to be "worse". US imperialism, British imperialism, Soviet social imperialism and all the rest must be destroyed! Here in Britain it is in the interests of the working class and other progressive elements to openly and thoroughly oppose British imperialism and support national liberation struggles directed against it as in Ireland. It is in the common interests of the oppressed of all countries throughout the world to unite in struggle against all imperialisms, our common enemy.

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