The Republican prisoners currently protesting against the forced integration policy of the NIO should be supported by all shades of republicanism and thankfully there are now signs that this is indeed happening. The ongoing protest will bring back many memories for members of the Republican Socialist Movement for members of the IRSM were instrumental in the prison protests of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Members of the IRSP and INLA were among the first to go on the blanket in 1975. Three INLA members lost their lives on hungerstrike while two INLA volunteers were killed engaging the enemy following the announcement of deaths in Long Kesh during the 1981 fast.

Members of the National H-Block/Armagh Committee who were members of the IRSP and INLA were systematically assassinated in their homes by secret death squads whose identities to this day have yet to be known. There is widespread belief that the British contributed either directly or indirectly in their deaths because of their involvement in the prisoners campaign.

So the Irish Republican Socialist Movement knows only too well the realities of fighting an aggressive prison protest against the British. The IRSM know the dangers of embarking on principled protest on the inside of Britain’s gaols in Ireland and know the risks involved in actively supporting the prisoners from the outside also.

But the IRSM also know that there is an inner strength amongst republican prisoners who know they are right and have a belief that they will eventually win. Following the 1981 hungerstrike concessions were made to the prisoners. They were recognised as political prisoners in all but name. They had their own structures inside Long Kesh and looked after their own affairs on their wings.

Republican Socialist prisoners were also involved in other prison protests that led to victories for themselves against a vindictive prison regime. Irish POWs in English jails were being denied repatriation to Irish prisons in the mid nineties until a protest started by INLA pows led to the prisoners being repatriated within weeks of the no wash protest starting. INLA prisoners in Portlaoise started a hungerstrike in 1995 against the refusal of the authorities to treat the INLA equally in terms of compassionate paroles with IRA prisoners and won concessions also.

It is victories such as these that inspire the men in Maghaberry today for they know that victory is in sight. They know they have the support of their friends and families on the outside and that will inspire them to victory. Political Status was signed away under the GFA even though ten men gave their lives to attain it in 1981. The prisoners of Maghaberry in 2003 are no different to the prisoners of Long Kesh in the 1970s. They were told ‘NO’ by the British and they never gave up. The IRSP join others in the call for “POLITICAL STATUS NOW!”
The Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP) has active Cummainn, as well as individual members and supporters in the following major cities and towns throughout Ireland as well as the United Kingdom and across the Atlantic: Belfast, Dublin, Armagh, Strabane, Dungiven, Londonderry, Newry, Donegal, Galway, Limerick, Derry, Dungiven, Belfast, Strabane, Tyrone. Write to our International Department for further details on how you can actively participate.

For national and international news, or news for any other information to The Starry Plough at the address above or contact a local IRSP representative.

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PRISON CRISIS DEEPENS
SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR POLITICAL STATUS AND SEGREGATION

The ongoing protest actions by republican prisoners in Maghaberry prison show no sign of abating and are actually gaining strength and support on the outside. Protest rallies have been attracting bigger crowds as the protests have got more coverage in the media. Groups previously not overtly expressing support for the prisoners have also begun to come around and are issuing calls for segregation although some of these calls fall short of calling for full political status and this must come about.

Recently Republican prisoners took to the roof of Maghaberry after being forced to share cells with loyalist prisoners. This is an intolerable situation and must be opposed by all right thinking people.

From the rooftop protest the situation has developed and the Republican prisoners have since embarked on a no-wash protest. This is where protesting prisoners smear the walls of their cells with their own excrement, a very unpleasant protest action but one that shows the resolve of the prisoners concerned. It began with some sentenced prisoners but spread to prisoners who were on remand. Details are sketchy but it is thought that currently there are around twenty prisoners involved.

There is now the very real danger that a threatened hunger strike could take place inside Maghaberry. This will be a very risky strategy for the prisoners involved although there is little doubt that the prisoners have the strength to carry this through to its conclusion if the NI government refuse to grant the prisoners the rights that were won in 1981 when the IRA and INLA POWS embarked on a similar protest for the same aims.

The supply of clean drinking water to our homes must by any standard be seen as a key measure of the degree of civilisation attained by society.

The 22,000 kilometres of water mains pumping around 710 million litres into 98 percent of homes in the North of Ireland is largely from Victorian times. The Second World War in fact this vital infrastructure is beginning to crumble. Environment minister Lord Dubs admits, “Although our water is safe to drink, customers do at times complain about the smell, taste and colour of the water coming out of their taps. Some of the mains in Belfast date from Victorian times and may in places be at risk of collapsing with unpleasant consequences. Some discharge untreated storm sewage into watercourses at times of high rainfall. Many of our waste water treatment works also need to be improved so that their discharges meet the higher standards.”

That our sewerage and water supply system have been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair tells us a great deal about the priorities of modern capitalism. We are all aware of the crimes perpetrated by the system in Victorian times, but one thing they did do was build the infrastructure of society, the roads and the sewers, without recourse to any quick return on their investment. They were at least more far sighted in understanding that not only did busi-ness itself require that infrastructure in order to operate, but also it was necessary to provide clean water even to workers, or at least to some workers, to cut down on sickness and disease.

Having allowed the infrastructure to crumble the British Government report now argues that at least £2.5 billion will need to be spent on repairs and modernisation in the next 15 to 20 years. That will mean an additional investment of £50 - 80 million per year over the period. Excellent. That investment is much needed and can serve not only to update our sewerage and water supply but also to create thousands of new jobs. It all sounds a little too good to be true. Where’s the catch?

Environment Minister Lord Dubs lets the cat out of the bag in his consultation paper, “Northern Ireland must spend substantially more on its water and sewerage services. This will inevitably mean higher charges for consumers.”

So once again we are being asked to foot the bill for crumbling capitalism. That’s what degree of civilisation this system offers us; it can’t even guarantee to supply us with clean drinking water.

The British Government is only ‘proposing’ this of course in their consultation paper. It is for Stormont to decide. The dirty job of deciding how to make workers pay for the much needed investment in our infrastructure - direct charges, privatisation, higher rates or a combination of such measures - is a matter for local democracy. However this ‘democracy’ is turned on and off like a tap by Westminster, and it is currently in the off position.

In the American Civil War they had a slogan, “No taxation without representation”. The British government is currently withholding even the semblance of such representation, the assembly is suspended. In any case, even when it meets, Stormont does not represent the people.

The interests of ordinary workers from all backgrounds are not present there. The establishment parties, whatever their shade of orange or green, comfortably ensconced in their Stormont offices, all represent the interests of capitalism. They may disagree on which method to adopt to make workers pay, but they will all be agreed that it is workers from all communities who must pay for any new investment in public services like water supply. The proposed investment is urgently needed, but we should not foot the bill. Nor should private companies be allowed to squeeze profits out of such a basic necessity. Private contractors will see it as an urgent question to be raised in the trade union movement. Our water supply is in danger, our jobs are under threat, and the working class’ pockets are being picked again. Such attacks on the jobs, livelihoods, and living conditions of working people - whether they originate in Westminster or Stormont - require a united campaign against these attacks.

The deterioration of our water supply is a question, which affects workers from every community equally. Local community campaigns against any plans to privatisate our public services like water supply need the industrial muscle of the trade unions behind them. The unions must organise a united campaign against these attacks.

All Socialists must participate fully in these campaigns, and should see it as an urgent question to be raised in the trade union movement. Our water supply is in danger, our jobs are under threat, and the working class’ pockets are being picked again. Such attacks on the jobs, livelihoods, and living conditions of working people - whether they originate in Westminster or Stormont - require a united response from the working class.

On the roof! Prisoners vent their anger by taking to the roof of Maghaberry during a recent protest.

The IRSP was approached by the mother and father of the single parent, who were at their wits’ end trying to give love and support to their kin, in an attempt, not only to highlight the problem, but also to try and prevent this serious scourge against the local community.

The IRSP is calling on all responsible people but, most importantly, the local community to come together with local community groups to devise and put into action a strategy specifically tailored to tackle this problem. Young people in North Belfast need to take responsibility for their own actions and understand that this type of activity destroys the quality of life for all the residents including themselves.

Community groups, funding resources, and statutory agencies need to become more proactive in their activities to assist those young people who are most at risk.

The IRSP representative concluded: “The IRSP in North Belfast will be seeking meetings with those statutory agencies with responsibility for youth provision in the Oldpark area to do a community audit, to ascer-tain exactly what is required and what can be achieved in the area. People who suffered so much during the conflict here deserve much better services than are presently available.”
It is estimated that over 10,000 illegal immigrants who neither have a work permit or have applied for asylum are being employed in the 26 counties economy. They often work in precarious jobs, at very low wages and in difficult conditions.

Illegal immigrants are a source of cheap labour and a good means to create division in the working class. If they refuse the condition, the employers can threaten to report them to the Gardaí. Illegal immi-

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This won't be the end of it, not by a long shot. The reality is that there is now going to be for sure jobs lost. We are unsure just how many but it will make recent job losses look like a drop in the ocean. Lives will be lost because of this disgraceful settlement which was to the forefront of our concerns from the beginning. It's not over as public service workers will have to take stock of our actions and learn from the lessons we have went through.

"Despite all that let no one be left in any doubt, no one can ever break the solidarity made between all of us, the workers that supported us and the communities where we come from."

FEARS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED

An Irish Republican Socialist Party representative has spoken to our reporter on the setbacks now facing firefighters who stated "The result is that it could in one way be viewed as a setback for workers as many now face an uncertain period ahead with regards jobs losses and safety."

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For many this was indeed a climb down by representatives as the clause will mean modernisation of the fire service, of which fire-
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Developing A Healthy Scepticism: A Critique of Capitalism

By Kevin Morley

In today's world many people, that is those who take any interest at all in political life, should not need to be persuaded to do their thinking for them. For example "A TV presenter is interviewing two politicians about health services..." (ibid.)

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The great appear great because they have an illness which could get treatment, who can wait and hoping to be compromised in favour of such nonsensical projects. The American and British capitalist class have just spent count-

The real issue, under the present capitalist system which is not really relevant to all of us. Firstly we are all living longer. All over Europe the demographics of the old age population are in evidence. The fraction of the UK population aged over 65 is expected to increase from 23 percent in 1980 to 31 percent in 1999, and as high as 41 percent in Germany by this date. Older people need more of their health care spending (ibid.). The second reason is that the advancement in medical technology. These advances not only keep us alive longer, they make available some very sophisticated and expensive treatments. This begins to throw some light on what has happened in the political agenda than people's health, American, British or Irish.

As was recently reported in the Starry Plough the twenty six county government 'plans to run three jets worth 100 million euro', this apart from the cross waste of money on very bored young and girls playing soldiers, preparing to become one day American and British cannon fodder is a major reason why resources are scarce. Of course the question the people who pass themselves off as politicians will not tell you this. It is not a question of scarce resources as bourgeois economists, who naturally support the state capitalist system, tend to believe it is more a question of want and waste of resources. The technology is available to provide the very best health care for all sick people without any of this so-called rationing which it would, appear, chiefly to working class people within the population. Of course for those who can get treatment the books can be changed, and should and will be abolished, the waste of resources does not matter.

With the resources available to society to run correctly people who work in the health service could and should be given a meaningful pay rise and reduction in working hours. For example on pay specialist nurses who work in the intensive care units are paid a poultry 700 euro per annum increment for their trouble. A shortage of such nurses has been recently been a major factor in costing a two-year-old child her life. The shortage of ICU nurses meant that an operation on the little girl had to be postponed. She was sent home from our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children where she was due an urgent heart operation and as a consequence tragically died.

Ultimately this farcical state of affairs will only be changed by working class people themselves. Not by turning out once every five years to vote (though this is not to suggest people do not exercise their right to vote) but by the forceful reform and, hopefully overthrow, of the capitalist system, not only in Ireland's 32 counties but ultimately across this planet. In other words if you want a health, or any other services, run competently and for the benefit of all the people you will have to fight for it.

The time when people could be foiled off with such fancy statements as scarce resources 'we can't afford it' along with other such nonsensical claptrap surely, has or should have, gone. The great appear great because we are on our knees let us arise. Remember your health is your wealth. Not the wealth of the fat cat class who decide if they can afford to keep YOU healthy or not.

By Liam O'Ruairc

The "Sunday Tribune" recently published a supplement on the 100 richest people in Ireland, North and South. The magazine claims these people are in wealth because it gives a good insight into the Irish capitalist class. The supplement estimated that about 50 000 people in Ireland could be considered very rich. This includes doctors, dentists, accountants, top civil servants.

Commissioners have estimated that under 10 000 taxpayers reported an annual income of at least 150 000 Euros plus liquid assets of a minimum of one million Euro, the number of people drop to no more than 5000 which would have forced one fifth of the people in Ireland in 1998 come from the construction and property sectors, 12 from distribution, 8 from hotel and pubs, 7 from the food industry, and 6 from sport and entertainment.

Only 11 come from a manufacturing background, 5 technology and 5 further education. Those people are therefore incapable of making a difference in this country than ordinary people. We are told that we live in a "democracy", that "the people" decide how the country is run. The citizens have an equal say, everybody can vote. So Seán in Ballymun or Mary in Tallaght have as much weight in running the affairs of this country than Tony O’Reilly, Michael O Leary or Margaret Heffernan. But the rich are the ones that have more influence than the ordinary citizens of this country. Let’s take a recent example.

Fianna Fail is a populist party, claiming to represent the interests of the ordinary man and woman. As everybody knows, there is a housing crisis which has never been solved, more to the point cheaper and affordable housing. Early in April, Taoiseach Bertie Ahern told the Irish Management Institute conference in Killarney: "I believe it is time that we call time on this policy and not simply to the politicians of Fianna Fail promised he was going to solve the problem of affordable housing.

However, behind this pious rhetoric is the fact that Fianna Fail ultimately represents the interests of the business people, construction and property owners. One just has to glance through the official publication celebrating the 75th anniversary of the party (Republican Days: 75 Years of Fianna Fail) to see more than 30 of the country’s leading property firms advertising in it. Building firms finance many TDs, they are in fact Fianna Fail or Fine Gael.

According to the "Sunday Tribune" (20 April 2003), in 2001 Fianna Fail received donations from Treasury Holdings (21 432 Euro), Ballymore Properties (10 767 Euro), Cosgrave Developments (6 349 Euro), Durkan Homes (9 825 Euro), very interested Homes (3 911 Euro), Pk Hegarty (5 587 Euro). And the paper concludes "and that kind of money is nothing compared to the total sums thrown like confetti at individual politicians."

The Construction Industry Federation as a pressure group has an immense influence on shaping Fianna Fail’s policies, far more than the ordinary constituents have. In March 2001, the Irish government abolished the anti-speculative tax it had introduced nine months earlier under pressure. Then in December 2001, Finance Minister Charlie McCreevy introduced attractive tax breaks for property investors.

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Minimum Wage or the Abolition of Wage Labour?

Liam O Ruaidh

Figures released by the British Inland Revenue show that over the last six years, the cost of living has risen by almost 18%, whereas the minimum wage in the UK has been increased by only 5%. This has led to a decrease in the real value of the minimum wage and has resulted in a decrease in the living standards of workers. The minimum wage in the UK is £3.20 per hour for those aged 16 and 17, and £4.20 for those over 18. It has been agreed that the minimum wage will be increased to £4.60 per hour in 2003.

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This year’s National Republican Socialist Movement’s Easter Commemoration in Belfast was attended by several hundred people.

The march began from Costello House making its way along the Falls Road, headed by a flag bearing colour party to the Republican Socialist Plot at Milltown where a wreath laying ceremony began on behalf of the RSM nationally and support groups across the world.

The main oration was delivered by former P.O.W and IRSP Ard-Combhairte member Willie Gallagher in which he told participants that “The Stormont Assembly established as part of the ‘peace process’ represents not an attempt to solve the problems facing working class people of all backgrounds but power sharing between representatives of the main sectarian parties.

“Stornont cannot seriously address the problems of the working class, not the day-to-day vital problems of health, housing, education, or the wider questions of the border and the national question. “Stormont never had the potential within it to solve anything fundamental. New elections and a new period of ‘power sharing’ at Stormont will inevitably raise these illusions once more.

“There is a widespread disillusionment and cynicism amongst the population of the isle of Ireland as a whole. But it appears we are now at what is called the end game. “The war is over” syndrome gathers momentum began on behalf of the RSM nationally and support groups across the world.

“We saw brutality, they resisted; and they saw the naked face of imperialism.

“America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone directly from barbarism to degeneration without the usual interval of civilisation.

Who is said to have made the above observation of America:

A/ Charlie Chaplin
B/ Freddie Engels
C/ Georges Clemenceau

The answer is on bottom of page 15

On behalf of the leadership of the Republican Socialist Movement may I say that this is exactly what is needed today—indeed, individual-minded individuals able to ask the awkward question and see through the fog of confusion, spin-doctoring, censorship and bovine like loyalty that today passes for politics. We reject the latter and call on independent minded people to join us and help renew the republican dream.

Pro-imperialist forces took out Miriam because of her leadership of what was now another weapon of struggle, the mass movement. Her loss was not only a devastating personal blow to her family, but also a major setback for the mass struggle. While it is true that it is two masses that make history—individual-minded individuals like Miriam can greatly influence the direction that mass movements take.

Following the ending of the hunger strikes another major tactic was used in the struggle, that of fighting elections. Republicans successfully used that tactic to add to the pressure on the British to reach an accommodation. So friends and comrades we can see how over the past 30 years the full range of tactics have been used to advance the republican struggle.

Now for the hard question. Did those tactics succeed? Did armed struggle, mass mobilisation and electioneering bring us one step closer to the Workers’ Republic as we set out to build all those years ago? I will not insult your intelligence by answering for you. That is for each one of us to decide individually. But this I will tell you—James Connolly needed no mandate to lead the linen workers in Belfast in the 1913 strike; he needed no mandate to form the Citizen Army to protect the Dublin workers from the scabs, employers, and police in 1913; he needed no mandate to reach out to the GPO on Easter Monday 1916 to begin the Irish Revolution.

Miriam and Brendan needed no mandate to do what they did. They saw injustice, they resisted; they saw repression, they resisted; they saw brutality, they resisted; and they saw the naked face of imperialism, they resisted. And they died. Comrades and friends, today we need no mandate to honour these two fine Republican Socialists. We need no mandate to be Republicans. We need no mandate to be socialists. We need no mandate to oppose imperialism wherever we find it. It is enough for injustice to exist, for us to organise to oppose it.

For the essence of the lives of these comrades was that they organised. They organised either in the Party or in the Army or in the mass movements. But they organised as individuals, and if sacrifices must be made, if lasting meaning, then we too must organise. We must organise in the bodies we are members of, to ensure that the struggle for the liberation of the Irish working class is victorious. There can be no more sitting on the sidelines.

Today’s planks is a fitting tribute to these comrades. But if truth be told, they need no monuments. For so long as there is a republican still alive in Ireland, struggling for the Workers’ Republic, then the memory of Brendan and Miriam, and all the other men and women who died so that their country and their class could be free, will live on.

Comrades we salute you!!!
**Fallen Volunteers Remembered**

T each na Failte memorial project goes from strength to strength

**Lower Falls, Belfast:**

10th April 2003

The Lower Falls area of Belfast was the scene of an unusual event last weekend when members of the Volunteers and Comrades of the Irish Republican Socialist Movement (IRSP) and comrades of the IRA held a ceremony to mark the anniversary of the death of two volunteers.

Among those remembered was Vol McFadden, the second member of the PLA (People's Liberation Army) to be killed in Belfast, after he was arrested in 1972. His funeral was blocked by security forces when four masked men lined up to block the funeral cortège. The funeral was allowed to progress only after a member of the IRA and Comrades of the IRA entered the area at the request of the IRA Comrades.

Another volunteer, Vol Loughran, was also remembered for his work both within the IRA and the Irish Republican Socialist Movement. He is acknowledged as a member of the Irish National Liberation Army.

**Markets, Belfast:**

11th May 2003

The Markets area of Belfast was the scene of a memorial ceremony on Saturday, 11th May 2003, in memory of two volunteers who were killed during the conflict in Northern Ireland.

**Vol John O'Hanlon**

Volunteers from the Irish Republican Socialist Movement (IRSP) have been killed in the struggle for Irish freedom. Vol John O'Hanlon was one of those killed. He was a member of the IRA and the Irish Republican Socialist Movement.

For there is pride in participating in the struggle for freedom. Those who have died have done so with courage and dedication. They have given their lives to make Ireland free. They have given their lives to make the world a better place.

**Vol Jim Power**

Jim Power was one of the last two Republicans to die in action during the 1981 hunger strike. He was killed defending a fellow prisoner. Vol Jim Power's coffin was brought to the Markets area and laid to rest in the Markets Cemetary.

The last three deaths of the hands of former comrades was a tragedy. Never again should any of our fellow comrades suffer the same fate. Our thoughts and prayers are with Vol Jim Power's family and all those who knew him.

**Future Unveiling Events:**

**Dungiven, Co Derry**

In memory of Vol Kevin Lynch August 3rd 2003, Assembly 12.30pm Details locally

**Strabane, Co Tyrone**

In memory of Vol James McPherson & Vol Alex Patterson 3pm August 10th 2003, Assembly, Carlston Drive

**Maghera, Co Derry**

In memory of Vol Brendan Convery August 17th 2003, Details locally or from IRSP Belfast

**Bogside, Derry:**

13th July 2003

Several hundred people turned out in fine weather to see the unveiling of a memorial to three young Republicans killed in Maghera.

**Left to right:** Colm McNutt, Dermott McShane, Henny Phelan and Demeve McNutt speaking at unveiling ceremony.

Above: The plaque which was unveiled in Derry's Bogside in tribute to three friends who were all killed in separate but equally tragic circumstances and who, like the IRSP colour party forms in the Bogside, went on from strength to strength.

**Bogside's history:**

Bogside was the scene of the most intense fighting during the Northern Ireland conflict. The Bogside was the scene of the heaviest fighting during the conflict and was the site of many of the most important events.

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It was a momentous day for Republicanism in Ireland. Tuesday the 23rd of September 2005, the day the IRA decommissioned its weapons in order to save not only the Good Friday Agreement but also the Stormont Assembly. The shock waves are rumbling through the Republican heartlands ever since.

A number of phrases are heard - “At least the stickies didn’t decommission”, “They did a deal”, “unparalleled treachery”, “we told you so” and so on. However, when the issue was first raised in the early days of the peace process the IRSP was concerned about the whole process but did not believe that decommissioning was an issue or that any republicans would voluntarily decommission its weapons.

Representatives of the Republican Socialist Movement met with representatives of the Provisional Movement on a number of occasions over a number of years and were assured that decommissioning of weapons would not happen. We had no reason to disbelieve the sincerity of those we spoke with. It was a matter for them; it is still a matter for us.

For all that there is no doubt that shock, disillusionment, feelings of betrayal, and the loss of trust in the leadership and a reluctant but necessary step all summed up what strong supporters of the provisional movement feel.

Emotions run high and talk of what about Bombay Street? etc echo through the streets of Belfast. The image of the burning streets of Ardoyne 69 runs through the mind as the northern nationalist working class tries to come to terms with this event.

It is always a good thing to become disillusioned. That is the throwing away of false illusions and the start of seeing things as they really are. The first feel of those whose have feelings of betrayal and disillusionment. Within our own history we have suffered our own disillusionments. So we understand why many out there are feeling disillusioned. Hence the creation of a new movement.

But now is the time to see things as they really are not as we wish them to be. When the Provisional Movement started not only Republicans of all shades but Socialists of all shades didn’t know how to react.

Those who later went on to form the Republicans were not interested in becoming involved in what was a reformist movement. Those who later went on to take the Official IRA down a dead end street of arrogant political self seeking saw the civil rights movement as the only way forward and tried to frustrate any political advance of a more militant brand of republican and any manifestation of class struggle.

Those of us who consistently and persistently raised social and economic issues within the mass movement became, derided as ultra leftists, wreckers, trots and Loony Lefters. Socialists are viewed between a full acceptance of the nationalist agenda or swallowing whole a form of British Imperial socialism under the guise of an exotic form of communism.

Out of all this confusion the Provisionals emerged from the ashes of 69 and the failure of the Official leadership to re-arm the North in a time of increasing political tension. The Provisionists rejected the reformist agenda and launched an armed campaign on the single issue of Brits Out. Later in 73/74 the official Republican Movement split and eventually the IRSP/INLA emerged to re-establish the republican movement that they felt had been betrayed by the Officials. The programme the IRSP then set out has still not yet been met. We have not yet accepted Front, removed the Brits or established the Socialist Republic.

Much water has flowed under the bridge since the seventies and there have been many changes. The Provisionals have accepted, albeit 30 years later, the reformist strategy first put forward by the Officials. This was because the PRSP/INLA emerged to re-establish the republican movement that they felt had been betrayed by the Officials. The programme the IRSP then set out has still not yet been met. We have not yet accepted Front, removed the Brits or established the Socialist Republic.

The Armaite and Belfast Box strategy saw the Provisionals make significant gains. They were able to exercise a strangle hold over most nationalist working class areas in the north and through the exercise of social and economic control which they had wrestled from the SDLP/Catholic Church were able to create a middle bureaucracy of officials who dabbled in sectarian backdoor for control in the ghettoes. All opposition to political control was ruthlessly crushed within their areas of control.

Throughout all this they were able to retain the loyal support of their base because of their militancy and also their astute political adroitness. This leadership was trusted.

The development of their peace strategy was an advance from the Armaite etc strategy. It was strongly driven by their support base in the USA. The swing to the left of the early eighties was slow, a distancing began with anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist arguments worldwide, the suits came in and the advisers multiplied. Now they were appearing to the emergent nationalist middle classes within the north and they began to occupy the ground that the SDLP had once walked on.

That is because they represent bourgeois Ireland. That is why they are not interested in a capi
talistic and Government and introducing privatisation schemes into the British National system. Of course they will oppose corrupt practices and the Orwellian phrases but without fundamental political organisation is to make Ireland a more effective and efficient place for international capital to invest in. That is the importance of the USA connections.

Obviously the creation of one Republican Governmental system in the island of Ireland will reduce bureaucracy make easier access for multinational companies to Government and speed the integration of Ireland into the whole NATO defence scheme. This will be in spite of the desire of individual Republicans to keep Ireland neutral. Their subjective wishes will come up against the brutal logic of Imperialism and objective reality will always overcome subjective wishes.

Witness the response to the Columbian Thres, the Turkish Hunger Strike and the September the 11th massacres. There is no way that their principal leadership will be identified with any radical movements from now on. No matter how much that leader
ship may support the cause of the Turkish Hunger strikers they can not be seen to do so. Some of the middle tier leaderships was slowed, a distancing began with anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist arguments worldwide, the suits came in and the advisers multiplied. Now they were appearing to the emergent nationalist middle classes within the north and they began to occupy the ground that the SDLP had once walked on.

The reason for armed struggle was a road to nowhere. A trust in a Gerry, a Hume, a Haughey or a Disgrac
ted politician is to base the whole a form of British Imperial socialism.

The Provisionals have accepted, albeit 30 years later, the reformist strategy first put forward by the Officials. The reason for armed struggle has gone and their goals and means and the growth of the socialist population. The Good Friday Agreement saw the civil rights movement as a momentous day for the Republicans in Ireland.

It was a momentous day for that the Irish working class. Many of the 1200 workers who have only recently been told that they are facing redundancies are insightfully aware of the internationalist nature of capi
talism.

It is the task of socialists and Republicans to bring together the best elements of both republicanism and socialism and create an alliance of the dispossessed within this island that can success
tively challenge the cosy capitalist consensus that accepts the per
mannency of the capitalist system. The provisional movement has clearly shown by the actions of its leadership that it accepts that consensus. We do not.

An all class alliance of nationalist Ireland while it may weaken the unionist case also weakens the working class. It is a case of Labour must wait as De Valera said during the war of independence. But now it is the current leaders of Sinn Fein who are saying labour must wait. We disagree. Labour that is the needs and aspirations of the Irish working class can not wait, must wait. They are the only class capable of building a just and equitable society on this island.

That is why we repeat the call we made a number of years ago for the creation of a Republican Forum with which to rally the disorganised and demoralised forces of the left. There is a way forward for the Republican and socialist left and we intend to play our full part in rallying the Irish working class. If you are radical, republican and working class play your part. Join us in the struggle.

On the Republican, the Irishman,
Almost three years ago, the never-ending Israeli–Palestinian “peace process” stalled when the US and Israel tried to bully the Palestinians into accepting a final settlement that amounted to the surrender of the Palestinian people. The Palestinians were expected to abandon the right to self-determination, allow Jerusalem as its capital and the right of return to their homeland for an estimated 3.5 million Palestinian refugees. In September 2000 the intifada against Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank began again in earnest. During this intifada, the Israelis killed over 2,500 Palestinians, 85 percent of whom have been innocent civilians.

The Israeli army has imposed a web of 120 fixed checkpoints, carving the West Bank and Gaza into over 300 separate clusters that have been under curfew for over two-thirds of the 1000 or so days of the current intifada. In fact the number of checkpoints on any given day is much higher due to the roving check-points, ostensibly set up to catch mili-

tants but really a matter of making life as difficult as possible for the Palestinians. Under these conditions, 75 percent of Palestinian live at or below the UN-defined poverty level of US$2 a day, the Palestinian educa-

tion system has shut down, and the health of Palestinians is deteriorating as malnutrition and infectious diseases spread with each passing month.

In the wider region of the Middle East, the United States has recently embarked on a cam-

paign of military expansion, occupying Iraq, and has military bases scattered throughout the region. In the wake of this new phase of imperialist aggression the credibility of the US is declin-

ing, not only with the masses of ordinary peace-loving people around the world, but also with the other imperialist powers of Europe and the Pacific Rim. In fact the US claim of international legitimacy the US government, that it has “defeated” its opponents, that it has “reached” its opponents, that it has “victories” over the Palestinians, is a repulsive form of systematic aggression against our people. This claim is a lie, and the continuation of the intifada will continue to be successful in disarming the imperialists.

Bush’s Road Map is nothing more than an expan-

sion of US economic and political interests.

eleven “peace” schemes con-

cooperated by the Americans in five key areas. First, in the run up to the current negotiations, Yasser Arafat appointed Abu Mazen (Abbas) as the newly created position of prime minister for the Palestinian Authority. Although Arafat formally appoint-

ed Abbas, Abbas was actually hand picked by the Israelis and Americans who see him as someone who will be compliant and cooperative with the Israeli agenda. Nizar, notes, for instance, Abbas was the chief architect of the scandalous Oslo deal which legitimized much of the Israeli aggression and occu-

pation with the victims’ leaders’ consent.” Second, Abbas is expected to disarm and disman-

tle the Palestinian resistance movement before the Road Map will be implemented. This will require him to stand down the Islamic parties, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the nationalist Al Asqa Martyrs’ brigade, which is a faction of Abbas’ own Fatah party, and the socialist, PFLP and DFLP. The logic of the Road Map is to break Palestinian unity and turn the Palestinian Authority against the Palestinian resist-

ance movement and into a pia-

ble instrument of US policy.

There are three broad possible outcomes of the Road Map. First, it is possible that Abbas will be successful in disarming the Palestinian resistance move-

ment, allowing the other compo-

nents of the Road Map to go for-

ward, resulting in a Palestinian state with the symbols of statehood (flags, stamps, and pass-

ports). In this way this pseudo-

state will be an outgrown state of Bantustan. The Palestinians will be officially free and independ-

ent, but continue to live under the racist rule of Israel, and be

helden to the US. Second, if Abbas is successful in disarming the Palestinians, the Road Map leads right into a cul-de-sac. The real causes of the conflict, imperialist meddling and the nature of Israel as an intrinsically racist state – will remain untouched. The only viable strat-

ey to end the Israeli–Palestinian conflict is to attempt to create a new state of the multi-ethnic, single, secular, and socialist state for all Palesti-

nians and their national rights.

The Real Cause of the Conflict

The Popular Front affirms that the continuation of the intifada and the resistance, together with other forms of struggle, is the path to ridding our people of the occupation, to freeing the pris-

oners and detainees, and to the attainment of independence and the return. We will continue our efforts on all platforms and in all forums toward building the national dialogue with the aim of crystallizing the correct position, and constitu-

ing a unified Palestinian institu-

tionally democratic basis as to bring about the participation of everyone in political decision making and in following up on the implementation of decisions. We affirm this position of ours, even as we accept the principle of respect for various interpreta-

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tive of our brother, President Yasser Arafat who sent Brother Saeb Erekat to meet our comrades, the General Secretary Ahmad Saadat, to convey the viewpoint of President Abu Amman. The Popular Front affirms to every-

one that it will continue to be available in support of the struggle of the Palestinian nation in order to deprive the enemy of the legitimacy to transform the struggle against them into a bat-

tle among Palestinians on the Palestinian Street.

And so we, the Palestinian Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Important Political Declaration

Issued by the FPLF

Yes to the intifada and resist-

ance as the choice of our peo-

ple and the end of the occupa-

tion!

Masses of our heroic Palestinian people!

Heroic intifada and resistance fighters!

At this time, pressure in various forms of power from various sources is on the rise. This pressure is aimed at contain-

ing the intifada and the heroic resistance of our people to the Israeli occupation and oppression against our land, our people, our rights, and our national honor.

We in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine demand our right to make up our own responsible patriotic posi-

tion, and mindful of the need for a cohesive and unified front in order to clearly address all of our Palestinian and Arab masses and all free and decent people and all fighters for justice and freedom, plainly state the follow-

ing:

1. The Israeli occupation and aggression against our people constitute the ugliest and most reprehensible form of systematic state terrorism. Zionist aggres-

sion and arrogance, the indi-

criminate daily attacks on the children of our people, the killing off of all forms of life, including the uprooting of hundreds of thousands of trees and the bul-

ding and expansion of hun-

dreds of thousands of dunams of cultivated fields, compels people to conclude that the Israelis, the current Road Map negotiations could fail apart and current levels of violence escal-

ate.

The need for a reassertion of radical, secular Palestinian poli-

tics is urgent. After twelve years and eleven “peace” schemes aimed at resolving the conflict by creating a Palestinian Bantustan it is clear that a “two-state” settle-

ment with Israel is simply not workable. Forcing the Road Map will not bring peace and justice to either the Palestinians or Israelis, especially the 3.5 million Palestinian refugees or the 1.3 million who live as second-class citizens inside Israel. The Road Map leads right into a cul-de-sac. The real causes of the conflict, imperialist meddling and the nature of Israel as an intrinsically racist state – will remain untouched. The only viable strat-

ey to end the Israeli–Palestinian conflict is to attempt to create a new state of the multi-ethnic, single, secular, and socialist state for all Jews and Palestinians. This strategy is in the interests of the Palestinian masses, the masses of the Arab world, and the ordi-

nary workers of Israel, and has the possibility of involving them all.

Based on these facts, the Popular Front has worked and will work with all its comrades and comrades in the Patriotic and Islamic action movements, broader in the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian Leadership, and with our Arab friends. We have stated repeatedly that we will give pride of place to the effort to continue the intifada and resistance, and to provide all possible types of support and assistance to the people that are strengthening our trust and that embody faithfulness to the mar-

tyrs, the wounded, the pris-

oners, and to all those who have sacrificed among our great, heroic, and patiently per-

serving people.

The Popular Front affirms that the continuation of the intifada and the resistance, together with other forms of struggle, is the path to ridding our people of the occupation, to freeing the pris-

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Long live the intifada and the resistance! Glory to the mar-

tyrs! Freedom to the prison-

ers! Freedom to our people!

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.
The Bush administration and US Congress have just completed one of the most massive acts of theft in the history of the nation.

The recently approved income tax cut not only reduced govern- ment revenues by $350 billion, with the vast majority of it going to the richest segment of the population, but it was a fitting display of embarrassment for the govern- ment in a fight against the American workers. The government lost its plans. The government continues to make compromises. The government has been defeated by the working class, which has been called upon to remain united and to listen to our demands. At the same time, some- what to speak of, the working class is not afraid to fight back, there will be casualties by the millions across the entirety of the United States.

The Irish Republican Socialist Party and its allies in the struggle are determined to defend the gains that have been won in the Irish struggle. We support the building of a revolution- ary strike shop stewards’ move- ment and the building of a revolutionary organizations.

This is Revolutionary Socialism!

The Irish Republican Socialist Party is an organization created by the working class to aid working class liberation in Ireland and internationally. We believe that the solution to the Irish question is oppression, whether economic, political, religious, cultural or social. It is a socialist that we envision our class controlling their own destinies and that of the Irish nation.

Loyalism & Nationalism...

Loyalism is a reactionary, sectarian and pro- British ideology, whereas Nationalism is a reactionary role. The national situation is vastly different from any reactionary junc- ture. We support all struggles against imperialism throughout the world.

Class mobilisation

Only by mobilising our class, the working class, that has gone before us, in the community and in the workplace, we can organise the unorganised. We can organise a revolutionary industrial union that will allow the American workers to come together. We can organise a trade union movement as something more than a union. We can organise a revolutionary political movement.

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Equality

Our class faces daily, relentless attacks on its forms of oppression and its rights. We are determined to fight back. We are determined to the working class. We are determined to the working class. We are determined to the working class.

Our Earth

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“United States Government Exceeds Its Authority in Deportation”

In deporting John Eddie McNicholl, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement issued a statement that accused McNicholl of being a member of the “Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), a terrorist organization in Northern Ireland”.

However, the INLA has never been included on the US State Department’s Terrorist Organizations List. That the INLA is not on the State Department’s list demonstrates that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement are ignoring the procedures mandated by the Congress of the United States for identifying an organization as “terrorist” for state purposes.

Bernadette Devlin McKinley has called the IRS and INLA, “the most persecuted organisation in Irish history,” and the deportation of John Eddie McNicholl is but the latest example of the vicious and vindictive actions taken against the movement by the British, American, and Irish governments since its founding nearly thirty years ago.

The Irish Republican Socialist Committee of North American (IRSCNA), the organisation which represents the Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP) and the political wing of the INLA in Canada and the United States, issued a statement saying:

“The IRSCNA says that the deportation of John Eddie Mc Nichols was pursued not because he presented any threat to the people of the United States, but specifically because of his former membership in the INLA. This is most likely because of the refusal of the Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP) and INLA to support the failed peace process with which culminated in the now discredited Good Friday Agreement, as well as the outspoken opposition by the IRSP and INLA to the imperialist misadventures of the present US regime in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“The INLA has been on cease-fire since August 22, 1998, when they recognised that there was no significant support for continuation of the tactic of armed struggle among Irish working people. Since that time, the IRSP has presented one of the most far reaching proposals for ensuring an end to violence in Ireland’s occupied six counties, the Non-Aggression Pact Plan. This plan was designed to enable the working class community on both sides of the border to disengage from theTroubles over almost four decades, without the intervention of the partitionist governments on the island of Ireland or the involvement of foreign governments.

“Regardless of what the INLA’s present policies are, John Eddie McNicholl had been living quietly in Pennsylvania with his wife and three children for approximately fifteen years before being deported. There were no active extradition requests seeking his return to either Ireland or Britain and he had not been charged with having broken any laws while resident in the United States. Moreover, the Irish republican and republican socialist prisoners being held for offenses which took place prior to the Good Friday Agreement (GFA)—with the notable exception of fellow INLA member Dessie O’Hare, who is still being held by the Dublin government—have all since been released under the terms of the GFA.

“McNicholl has a record of being a responsible and law-abiding American resident. His arrest and deportation violate both normal Homeland Security Agency and INS practice. They demonstrate not the slightest concern for the hardship imposed upon his family by the sudden change. John McNicholl’s arrest and deportation were carried out in a manner which ensured the humiliation of arrest, incarceration, and being thrown out of the United States. While normally an immigrant is served with a written notice telling him to report to the INS in about two weeks, McNicholl was taken from his home without notice, shackled and handcuffed, with no time to bring his personal affairs in order.

“Regrettably, the actions of the present US administration towards John Eddie McGarrigle further erode the civil liberties of all American residents and serve to demonstrate the continued disdain the American government has for the rule of law. From the stealing of a Presidential election, to an internationally condemned war of aggression against the people of Iraq, to the abrogation of existing treaties, to the violation of Geneva Conventions by的颜色prisoners of war, the present Administration and the US Government as a whole have made it abundantly clear that they consider themselves above the laws of the land that they are meant to uphold. This is a typical and expected action taken against the movement by the British, American, and Irish governments since its founding nearly thirty years ago.

In concluding, the IRSCNA spokesperson said:

“It is imperative that Irish republicans and republican socialists in America, along with all others who seek to support the failed peace process which culminated in the now discredited Good Friday Agreement, as well as the outspoken opposition by the IRSP and INLA to the imperialist misadventures of the present US regime in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The words of Sean McNicholl after witnessing his father, Eddie, being kidnapped from the street on his way to work before being forcibly thrown out of the United States.

McNICHOLL FAMILY RESPONDS TO DEPORTATION

“I witnessed my father being kidnapped by strange men from our front door and bundled into an unmarked car. I ran down the street after the car but could not catch up to it. I later found out that these people were representatives of the United States Government.

“I am in high school. I am a citizen of the United States. I was born and raised in this neighborhood, in Upper Darby. This is my home. My friends are here; this is my country; my younger brother and sister and my mother are United States citizens.

“Can someone from the Bush Administration explain what we are to do, now that they have deported our father? Where is the justice, in the justice dept of the US for my family and me?”

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Belfast High Court Attempts to Block Convery Memorial

A High Court judge has attempted to halt the erection of a memorial to an INLA volunteer killed by the RUC.

Brendan Convery was one of two INLA volunteers killed by police on August 13, 1983, when a four-man gang tried to ambush security forces. The other volunteer was Gerard Malton from County Armagh.

At the time of writing the foundation stone had already been laid for the memorial at the rear of Tamney Crescent in Derry. The ground is owned by the housing estate in Maghera, Co. Armagh.

The RUC have been harrassing workers but the memorial will be built and unveiled on 17th August!

Miriam Daly: Republican Socialist Leader

The Irish Republican Socialist Party is proud to have had a woman as its second chairperson. That woman, Miriam Daly, was a dedicated fighter for the Irish working class.

Miriam Daly grew up in Dublin and attended UCD, where she later lectured in Economic History. Following her first husband’s death, she married Jim Daly. Though married in London, Jim got a job at Queen’s University in Belfast in 1968, prompting the move to move there, where Miriam got a job teaching Economic and Social History at Queen’s soon after.

Miriam immediately became involved in the Civil Rights movement and was swiftly recognised as an effective public speaker. Jim Daly recalled, “What she said was genuine and from the heart. She was direct and honest and people responded to that.”

Around the same time, Miriam began writing for Republican News. When Official Sinn Fein split in late 1974, Miriam became a founding member of the IRSP. After the murder of Seamus Costello in 1977, Miriam was elected IRSP chairperson, during a period of great vitality. When the prison protests began to escalate, Miriam was elected onto the national leadership of the H-Block/Armagh Committee.

A tireless campaigner, Jim recalled of her, “People called her in the middle of the night to come to an RUC station to help out…She never stopped. It was amazing how much dedication she had. She was always upbeat and confident and optimistic.”

People’s Democracy informed Jim and Miriam that they were on a loyalist death list, as were other H-Block Committee leaders. In Miriam’s case, it was more than her leadership in the prison struggles involved. British intelligence are believed to have drafted the list as part of “Operation RANC”, which was set up after the assassination of Airey Neave.

Neave was a key Tory party figure, with links to British intelligence and is believed to be one of the “puppet-masters” that put Thatcher in charge of the Tory party and later Britain. Because the IRSP carried out the bombing that killed Neave, Thatcher’s government sought revenge on the INLA and its IRSP comrades.

On 26 June 1980, Miriam was in her home on Andersonstown Road, while her 7-year-old daughter, Marie, found her body when she came home from school.

Jim recalled, “The RUC took away Miriam’s handbag, a large book we had with phone numbers… there were five spent cartridges lying on the floor, which they didn’t pick up. They were more interested in a political witch hunting than trying to find out who carried out this murder.”

Though the UFF claimed the killing, it is believed the SAS actually carried out the murder. The same SAS unit is suspected to have also killed Bunting and Lyttle in October 1980. In both cases the weapons used have not been tied to any other loyalist paramilitaries’ actions and the level of professionalism in the assassinations is not typical of loyalist murder.

Miriam Daly was buried in Swords, County Dublin. A four-man INLA honour guard carried the funeral cortege as it halted outside the Daly house in Andertonstown on its way to the requiem Mass and fired a volley of shots over her casket in a tribute to the fallen martyr. She is remembered with pride by her comrades in the IRSP and INLA as a dedicated Republican Socialist.

Appreciation: “Red” Micky Doherty

By a former comrade

Micky was held in high regard amongst his generation and this was borne out by the many friends and former comrades who paid their respects during the wake and at his funeral. His former comrade paid his own small but significant tribute by draping Mickey’s coffin in the flag of the Irish working class, the Starry Plough.

Rest in peace, comrade.

Cúimhneamh
Fallen Volunteers and Political Activists Remembered

The staff and volunteers of the Irish National Liberation Army remember with pride our comrades whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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“When the freedom of our country and class has been won, let us guard it well, remembering it was paid for in the blood of those now dead. The building of the revolutionary party is the only tribute befitting our comrades.”

The Ard Coinhailr and Membership of the Irish Republican Socialist Party remember at this time our comrades who died in the struggle for a Socialist Republic.

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“Whenever death may supplant us, let it be welcome, provided that this, our battle cry, may reach some receptive ear and that other hands reach out to pick up our weapons, to entune our funeral dirge with the staccato of machine gun fire and new cries of battle ever onward, Venceremos”
Irish Transport workers have taken its first steps in the war against forced privatisation straight to the bosses door in what is being scene as a series of ‘hard hitting’ strikes by an increasingly militant section of the public service, as workers prepare to go all the way to protect jobs and the public service nationally.

PUBLIC SUPPORT
The Irish Republican Socialist Party, who have spoken out against the 26 County Administrations handling of transport workers concerns in the past and the lack of funding of Ireland's public transport industry in comparison to other European countries spending levels in particular. He said "The only people that we can see who look set to benefit from the break up of Ireland's Bus and Rail company (CIE) will be the grubby hands of those controlling privatised projects themselves, the wealthy few on this island."

"Brennan's outlook for CIE as well as Aer Rianta, spells out further destruction of our country's transport industry, public service jobs within the transport sector and the public who need and cry out for a decent effective service!"

"Recent action taken by on the bus and rail networks has shown those in power that 'labour will not wait'. The same also goes for any union bosses supportive of or influenced by 'Public Private Partnership' deals. They too have got to be challenged directly by workers to ensure unity at this stage of the game remains high and focused."

NO FARES!
Many have said the one-day strike was more than effective as it killed two birds with one stone. The public got to travel for free and the bosses lost out on millions of Euros besides. At the end of the day, privatisation will affect all of us.

The IRSP are encouraging everyone to help assist bus and rail workers actions in the weeks ahead by distributing information leaflets and posters against Brennan's plans. Solidarity is Strength against Privatisation!