

# RedAction

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## BRITAIN IS IRELAND'S PROBLEM

One of the bitterest and most constant criticisms made of socialists in this country is over their support for the Irish Republican movement. Most of it is emotional and uninformed. Many people in this country believe that the Irish Republican Army and the Irish National Liberation Army are just a small group of gangsters with no real popular support and that their cause is not a political one in the true sense of the word.

The events of the last couple of years have made it a lot easier to disprove this idea. Without the support of large numbers of the population for their political ideas, how could Bobby Sands and two of his fellow hunger strikers have won their seats in the British and Irish elections and how could Sinn Fein (IRA political wing) have had their several successes in the North of Ireland Assembly election?

Ireland than most people in this country. That is one reason why there is more support for the Republican movement abroad than in Britain.

Another, more thoughtful criticism made of socialists concerns our supporting a nationalist struggle. After all, socialists are supposed to be anti-nationalist. We are quick enough to condemn British nationalism - isn't Irish nationalism just the same thing under a different flag?

struggle is not an end in itself but merely the first step in the struggle to build a socialist Ireland.

The nationalist in Britain is defending the establishment against change and progress.

Their aims are, by definition, conservative or reactionary although many of them perhaps do not realise this. The Irish nationalist is fighting against the establishment for change and progress. Their aims are, by definition, progressive and socialist and their experiences have led most of them to develop a socialist outlook. That is why we, as socialists, support them and their cause.

### MILITARY CAMPAIGN

By far the most emotional questions raised by the Republican movement concern the military campaign and, for supporters in this country, the bombing campaign here is one of the biggest issues. Some people who are otherwise sympathetic to the aims of the Republican movement dismiss the bombings as being completely counter-productive, merely raising anti-Irish feelings. They point to the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974 as an example.

It was these that enabled the government to introduce the Prevention of Terrorism Act which has been used to harass and intimidate Irish people and their friends ever since, whether they are politically active or not. In fact the IRA has never claimed responsibility for those acts (which they normally do) but, whether they were responsible or not, no socialists can support random bombings aimed at innocent people.

### MILITARY TARGETS

IRA and INLA actions in this country are now always aimed at political or military targets. Some on the left say the risk of civilian casualties is still too great. Perhaps they are right, perhaps not, but what they seem to forget is that the IRA are not, and have no reason to be concerned with our approval.

We on the British left have done nothing to assist them in their struggle against the British occupation. They are concerned with the morale of their supporters in Ireland who sustain them in their struggle

— those people who, every day, experience the realities of war. Children who are shot, sometimes fatally, by plastic bullets, homes and property wrecked in house searches, sadistic beatings handed out in interrogation centres, and countless other examples.

It can be no surprise that they feel driven to strike out at their tormentors wherever they can. For 800 years, the forces of Britain have tormented the Irish people and brought grief and pain to their land. In all that time, the British people have done nothing to try to stop the crimes carried out in their name. When we have, perhaps we can suggest to the Irish that they stop hitting back over here. Until then we have no right to criticise.

## EQUAL PAY?

In 1970 the Equal Pay Act was passed. It stated that a woman should be paid the same as a man if she was doing work that was 'the same or broadly similar' to his. A five year gap was allowed to employers, before the law was enforced, to enable them to 'phase in' equal pay.

They did this by separating men and women who had up until then done similar work into separate and distinct categories. Men were made into 'trainee managers' and women remained 'clerks'. They were put in different offices and the different tasks, once shared between them, were more strictly divided.

Men who made cardboard cartons by machine were separated from women who made cardboard boxes by hand. (The latter was actually more skilled, but as it was no longer

The avoidance of the Equal Pay Act is only one of many reasons why women's pay continues to be so much lower than men's. One of the other reasons is the subject of skilled and unskilled labour. In 1911, women did 24% of skilled and 15.5% of unskilled manual work. By 1971, women did only 13.5% of skilled but 37.2% of unskilled manual work, suggesting that women are becoming less skilled.

A recent study has shown, however, that work that is done by women is more likely to be seen as unskilled work than similar work that is done by men. In the example of the box factory mentioned above, the making of boxes by hand, by women, was seen as unskilled, but the making of boxes by operating a machine — by men — was seen as skilled!

Another major factor which keeps women's earnings low is the fact that so many women have responsibilities at home. They are therefore likely to work less hours than men, as part time workers (although what is 'part time' anyway, when cooking, cleaning, shopping etc. all are 'work' too?) — workers who have no chance to earn overtime payments, or shift, or 'unsocial hours' bonuses.

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What that five years actually allowed, was time for employers to work out ways round doing it). In October 1982 the average male weekly earnings were £154.00, average female weekly earnings were £99.00.



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The impression that most British people have of those involved in the Republican movement is a false one. This is hardly surprising as most people's ideas come mainly from what they read in the press and, as anyone who has ever been involved in the national press will tell you, censorship and suppression of information operates on the news from Ireland more than on any other issue. It is fair to say that people in other parts of the world know far more about what is happening in

The answer to this is no. The British nationalist is a supporter and upholder of the establishment which exploits and oppresses not only the Irish people but the working class of this country as well.

Both Sinn Fein and the Irish Republican Socialist Party (INLA political wing) are committed to fighting not only against this establishment for the freedom of their country, but to the fight to build socialism in their country as well. For them, the national



...AND THIS...



.. WILL ALWAYS LEAD TO THIS

# MANCHESTER MARTYRS



WILLIAM ALLEN



MICHAEL O'BRIEN



MICHAEL LARKIN

On the 23rd November 1867 three members of the Fenian Movement were publicly hanged in Manchester by the British Authorities. The three, William Allen, Michael Larkin and Michael O'Brien were to become known as the Manchester Martyrs.

## AMBUSH

The events that led to their executions were that two fellow Fenians were being transported to a local prison in a police van, also inside the van was a police sergeant named Brett. An operation was mounted to free the two and the police van was ambushed and surrounded by armed men. The door of the police van was locked and they called on Brett to open it but he refused. A Fenian named Peter Rice fired a shot through the lock of the door in a bid to frighten the police sergeant. However the shot mortally wounded him and it was this that led to the Martyrs' executions.

## ESCAPE

The two imprisoned Fenians made good their escape but large numbers of the Irish community in Manchester were rounded up (as still happens today) and four men were put on trial and sentenced to death. The fourth man was a Fenian named Edward Condon. They all made rousing speeches at their trial and Condon ended his speech with the cry of 'God save Ireland' which the other three echoed. Condon, an American citizen was reprieved a few days prior to the executions, due to American intervention in London.

## EXECUTION

The executions of the remaining

three went ahead on a cold foggy morning. They were the first Irishmen to be executed for political action since Robert Emmet in 1803. On the day of the Martyrs' executions 5000 Irish people demonstrated on the streets of Manchester. A further 25,000 marched in London.

## ATTACKED

For over 100 years later the Irish community in Manchester marked the deaths with a commemoration at Moston cemetery where there is a monument in honour of the Martyrs. This tradition was ended in 1974 due to the hostility directed at the Irish in Manchester. Last year an attempt was made to march to Moston Cemetery to resume the tradition. But a local newspaper directed a hysterical campaign against the march which resulted in the Bishop of Salford locking the gates of the cemetery and

large scale reaction from the community which is British white working class. The march was re-routed to go under the Fenian arches in Ardwick where a wreath was laid and where the march was attacked by 70-80 fascists/loyalists.

## OPPOSITION

This year after repeated requests by the Manchester Martyrs Memorial Committee, for permission to enter the cemetery the Bishop of Salford, Thomas Holland, has refused. Therefore the march will now travel through South Manchester. It is important that this tradition of commemorating the Manchester Martyrs is continued, and the Memorial Committee is determined to make this commemoration a success, despite any opposition that we encounter. The assembly point is Alexandra Park, Moss Side, Manchester, at 1.00pm Sunday 21st November 1982.

# A JEWISH QUESTION?

2000 years ago the Jews were driven from their land and dispersed in countries all over the world - Europe, S. America, even India and China (Communist block). Though all immigrant groups tend to initially stick together for security and to maintain their national, religious and cultural identity, eventually after the first and second generation they will have blended invisibly into the culture, leisure and even religions of their adopted country. The Jews having no homeland (understandably) tended to be more paranoid about losing their heritage and offered greater resistance to change and so because they were easily identifiable they provided a soft target for the early anti-Semite and the religious bigot.

## SCAPEGOAT

Like today, the systems they lived under tended to be less than perfect, and whenever there was a fuck-up, the Jews would cop it. Why? Because s/he was intrinsically evil? No! Because s/he was an immigrant. It was necessary for the rulers that when the peasants grumbled, they had to find a diversion, a scapegoat, an immigrant, a Jew. The success was phenomenal and it became a very popular, convenient and regular way of 'solving' the countries' problems at one stroke (at least until the next time).

The National Socialists in Germany can't be given total credit for that garbage. Anti-Semitism has been fashionable down the ages - you only have to witness Shylock (Shakespeare) or Fagin (Dickens) to see what I mean.

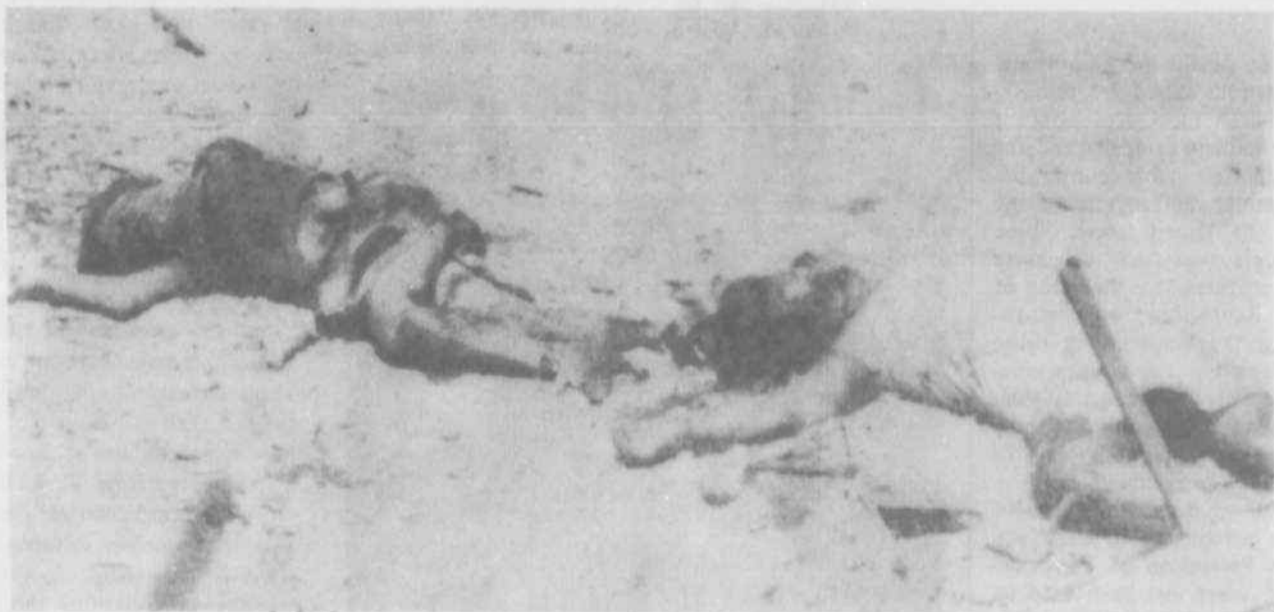
People choose to argue that if the Jews were not such a snivelling bunch of wimps and had stood up and fought (like the gypsies) Hitler's lot would never have gassed six million of them. Their own fault, you see.

## EVOLUTION

Since the establishment of Israel some thirty years ago the image of the Jew has un-



JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZI TERROR - - -



- - - PALESTINIAN VICTIMS OF ZIONIST TERROR



Kings and despots were delighted - they didn't mind who the peasants were throwing rocks at as long as it wasn't them. They found that all you had to do in time of crisis was shout 'YIDDO', 'swamped by an alien culture' or some other catchy phrase. It was lots cheaper to finance and a less dangerous diversion than a war.

Because people are basically good, to fuel irrational hatred it is necessary to create prejudice. This is usually done by exploiting ignorance, magnifying the physical, religious and cultural differences. Everybody knows that all Jews have fat noses, greasy skin, thick lips, crooked teeth and they wear glasses with lenses like the bottom of cider bottles. As if that wasn't bad enough they are all greedy, cowardly, grasping bastards with unusual sexual and religious customs, like offering gentile babies for ritual slaughter and to top it all they had topped old J.C. In Ireland they always omitted to mention that he was also a Jew). With form like that a person couldn't be blamed for not wanting them in their golf club.

dergone a dramatic evolutionary change. Their daring rescue of the Jewish hostages in Entebbe captured the world's imagination. They showed emphatically that they were not prepared to roll over and play dead again. They have probably built the best person for person fighting army in the world. Their crushing victory over the Arab Nations in the Six Day War and since has proved that they can kill or maim with the best of them.

## JACKBOOT

The national dignity they displayed after the slaughter of the Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympic village in 1972 aroused international sympathy. Their systematic oppression of the Palestinians is being done arrogantly and totally contemptuous of world opinions.

People listen to them now carefully. In just over 30 years they have totally destroyed a 2000 year old racial myth. Their image now is of the righteous, vengeful Jack Booted Thug that every craven nazi would love to be. They have respect. Funny old world isn't it?

# ATILLA THE STOCKBROKER

**ATILLA:** In 1976-77 I was in a heavy metal band, playing bass, going to football and getting drunk. Punk changed my life in every respect really. I was in a band called Brighton Riot Squad for about 2 years. It was no good at all. Towards the end of 1980 I started getting up on stage, pissed out of me head, with a mandolin at gigs by my mates the Newtown Neurotics, doing occasional solo spots. The 'poems' were the lyrics I'd used in my group. I thought if I really believe in these words maybe they'll work well on their own. From November last year I was doing punk gigs and also getting into alternative cabaret gigs and the occasional poetry reading. The idea is to reach everybody no matter what they're into musically. I've got an E.P. out now and also two tracks on the latest Oi album. Next week I've got a gig at the National Poetry Society, then I'm doing gigs with the Newtown Neurotics and Blitz.

**RED ACTION:** What about 'Oi'?

I think Oi is very important. Basically I want to do gigs for people who go to Angelic Upstarts and Dexys and football and get pissed in pubs, not the fucking self congratulatory sixties beat elite type people. That's a pile of shit. One of the reasons I've been involved with Oi is because I believe in confronting the fascists. In my opinion the way to gain people's respect is to say what I feel in all the places I play. I'm a populist, right. I believe above everything else, above any political message that I have to get across, in 1982, 3½ million on the dole and people come out and they spend their money and you've got to entertain them. It's an insult if you don't first of all give them a laugh, get them into what you're doing, 'cos whatever message you've got to get across, if the people aren't into it on the level of being entertained and going out for an evening and enjoying themselves ... that's what it's all about. I'm an unashamed socialist performer with material that is unambiguous on any level. Even when I sing about testicles and Willy White-law's willy or whatever it's all sort of lefty material. Some of it's just more easy to get into than others. Because I do

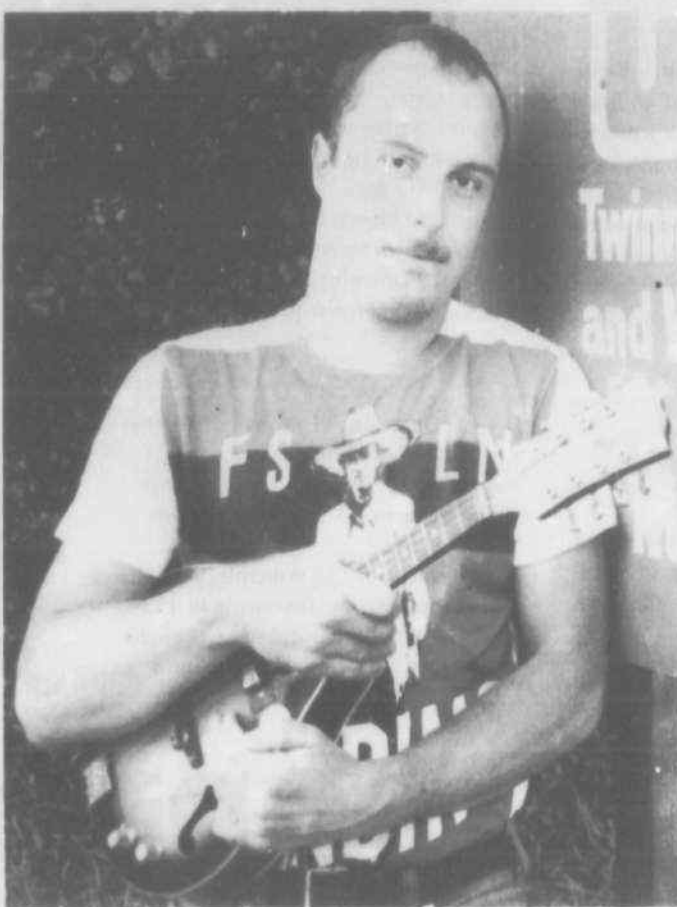
things like supporting Gary Glitter, doing punk gigs, I've supported the Jam twice, all sorts of different things, you learn to get material which is funny and entertaining, but it gets the message across at the same time. That isn't a compromise, it's simply getting across to the broadest possible audience. I don't want to preach to the converted.

**What do you think of the NF?**

The National Front and the British Movement - I just call them Tories. In 1982 we have a situation where part of the youth culture attacks people who make statements against the government. That's ridiculous. Fucking pathetic. They blame the blacks, the jews or whatever for the problems in society. But it's obvious they are caused by the rich people, by the system which we live under which is capitalism. That's the most obvious thing of all, and these people don't see that, and that really pisses me off. Unless your parents or your background is actually in the British ruling class what the fuck are you going on about commies for. The people who are shitting on you is the government. It's like the Newtown Neurotics song 'Mindless violence what does it prove, it proves that you don't know the people that are shitting on you.' As long as people are going on about the blacks or the jews then the ruling class are laughing, it's divide and rule. It's only when we unite together that we have a chance of doing anything.

**The word 'commie' gets used a lot. Could you explain what that means?**

People say Atilla the Stockbroker is a commie so presumably he supports Russia, clamping down on the workers in Poland, abolition of all forms of freedom, remember that punk bands in places Poland, East Germany and Czechoslovakia are stamped out. It'd be about as much fun living in one of those places as it would be permanently attending Crystal Palace matches. I'm a socialist 'cos I believe that regardless of race or sex people should be given a decent chance, decent opportunities in life. Can you see me in my leather jacket with my cans of Fosters lasting two minutes in the Soviet Union? Leave it out.



**What inspires you to write the stuff you do?**

Just everyday events. A lot of it's just taking the piss out of things. My greatest single influence is Monty Python. If I could ever achieve what Monty Python or Lenny Bruce did I would be really pleased. They combined humour and social commentary.

**Are there any other bands or poets that have influenced you?**

Yeah. My basic inspiration in every sense of the word is punk. Punk is still very much alive. The bands I like - Newtown Neurotics, Redskins, Action Pact, the Sample, Blitz - great bands.

**What happened at Skunx?**

The day before the gig Gary Bushell phoned me and said the BM were going to organize a do. They seem to me to almost lack the basic emotions. I mean, how can anyone justify killing 6 million jews? What sort of person turns round and justifies that? It upsets me more than anything else. Anyway, I did 5 numbers then I got attacked. Hit over the head with me mandolin, punched a couple of times. I thought I was going to get hammered, then the Bouncers came in.

**Do you think the fascists were worried that you were a threat?**

I was playing in their home territory so they had to make a show of strength. I'm addressing myself to those kids, not running away from them. I want them to listen to what I've got to say. I'm not excusing what they do. It's totally out of order.

**I think what happens in the music 'sub-culture' is really important. A lot of people who go to gigs are often rebels.**

I think it's obscene for the Left to ignore these people, especially when you've got 3½ million unemployed. You can't just concentrate on the industrial working class.

**A lot of people are interested in music and you do have an influence and that's fucking magic. It's so important that people like you are coming out with socialist stuff.**

The more difficult things get the less people are prepared to get up and be counted. I will stand up and be counted. In 1977 to say you were political was the way to be. In 1982 people like Depeche Mode, Haircut 100, Duran Duran, play the soundtrack to the Tory Party conference. Bland mindless garbage. It doesn't challenge anything.

# EYE'S DOWN

It was like history repeating itself I thought, as soon as I'd said it - 'I was only one off for £112!' Had I really reached this stage, BINGO? While under twenty one I'd really turned up my nose at the eternal and repetitive conversations of my mum, my aunts and their friends and saw bingo as the symbol of degeneration into being middle-aged and boring. Then one by one as my mates got married and had their kids, they'd find their way to Mecca.

This is not going to be a piece about how much Lad-brokes profits were last, we all know the bookies win and how much workers put into their pockets through the pools, horse racing etc, yes the capitalists control our leisure as they do everything else, for now! That is not the

spend a lot of their life isolated in the home, girls have a few mates, lads go round in gangs, men have football, pubs, clubs, places where women CAN go but preferably with

your man or you can only expect the trouble that comes your way. It's better by far to go to bingo and have a good laugh than sit in a corner of the local working men's (men's of course) with the old man's friends wives, who aren't your friends but your expected to get along due to that wonderful common bond, your men are buddies and are all at the bar discussing the day's game, WHOOPEE!!!

Bingo unlike most pastimes for women is a sociable activity, hundreds of working class women go to their local bingo

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point about bingo, the point is that it is the undisputed reserve of working class women, like the launderette and the bread queue. You get a few hubbies and the caller, failed Bruce Forsyth's to a man 'Alright my love' YUK!, but apart from that bingo is female and in my approach to the 'getting on for thirty' age group my opinion about bingo has changed. Women

palace and between games discuss what's going on in the world, so why won't anyone ever leaflet at bingo halls about the local strike or occupation, because as my mum said to me when we came out last night 'leave your crisp packet on the floor love otherwise you'll be doing the cleaning lady out of a job!!

Long live gossiping over the garden fence!! (What garden?)



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# I SAY, I SAY... ..

A thunder storm was raging over London one night. Little Johnny woke up in terror and ran into his parents' bedroom. "Daddy!" he cried, shaking his father awake. "Why is it thundering?"

"Well" said his father, "every time someone tells a really big lie, heaven gets angry and it thunders."

"But isn't everyone asleep at this time of night?"

"Yes, but it's about this time they print the Daily Express."

An American, a Russian and an Englishman were drinking together in the bar of an hotel, swapping stories. "You know", said the American, "there was a guy in our country who lost an arm and we gave him a transplant and within a month he was looking for work". "So what?" retorted the Russian. "We gave one of our citizens a heart transplant and within a fortnight he was looking for work". "That's nothing", the Englishman said with a smile. "We transplanted a whole person from Grantham to 10 Downing St. and pretty soon everyone all over the country was looking for work".

## JOKES

"Have you heard the news? PRAVDA is going to hold a competition for the best political joke."  
"What's the first prize?"  
"Twenty years."

Question: "Is it really true that the glorious Soviet armed forces were called in by the Czechs to defeat fascist reaction?"

Answer: "In principle, yes. The request was first made in 1939, but for technical reasons could not be positively met until 1968."

Three members of the A.N.L. appeared in Highbury Magistrates Court on the 13.10.82. They were charged with causing A.B.H. (actual bodily harm) to Ian Anderson, deputy leader of the N.F. after an incident at Chapel Market on August 1st. They pleaded Not Guilty and were committed to trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court. Bail was fixed at £250 each. It is hoped that Mr. Anderson was not well enough to attend. But he sent along about 20 of his minions who did their best to look menacing but nobody was impressed. The proceedings were held up for 15 minutes awaiting the arrival of two of the defendants who had been debating the cause of the American Revolution with Red Action members in a pub nearby. Afterwards the opposition was given a police escort to the tube.

On Saturday October 23rd 15 Red Action members travelled to Manchester for a benefit in Manchester Polytechnic to celebrate the release of the Rochdale 8 after their conviction in 1981 for Anti-Fascist activity. It was well supported and the beer was 53p a pint. Some London Red Action members were seen to take full advantage of that fact. Sorry about your door, Denis.

RED ACTION hold monthly open meetings in London. If you would like to come along to one, write to the box number or contact your Red Action seller.

# POPPYCOCK

Remembrance Day. A chance to honour the brave who fell fighting against Fascism, or a festival of right wing reaction to be avoided at all costs? It's always been a difficult one for Socialists, this. Though many of us fell fighting against Hitler, the thought of lining up alongside the Colonel Blimp types in Whitehall is a complete turn off, and of course it is about the First World War as well.

The First World War was the logical and ultimate result of this antagonism. Mourn and lament the terrible suffering of the soldiers if you must, but mourn and lament even more the way a whole gener-

the emotional appeal of war-time leader Churchill and helped to elect the labour government that built the health service and welfare state that we still enjoy today (in spite of a certain lady's efforts).

Would I wear a poppy? but don't ask me to stand alongside some of the people you'll see at the cenotaph. It makes me sick to the stomach to see the likes of Margaret Thatcher with her look of reverence and sympathy. I'll say she should wear a poppy. If she had her way they'd be selling poppies every day of the year to look after the old soldiers and all the rest of us come to that. Thatcher and her kind love a bit of pomp and ceremony but they don't show much concern the other 364 days of the year.

Perhaps you won't see many Red Action members wearing their sympathy on their sleeves in Whitehall (we're a bit more concerned with the living than the dead anyway) but remember this. In the sort of society we're fighting to build the sick, the infirm, and old heroes as well won't be dependent on charity once a year to ensure that they are cared for.



## WARS ARE FOUGHT BY PEOPLE LIKE YOU FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE LIKE THIS

The contradictions involved in Remembrance day were probably never better highlighted than in 1978. Then, the National Front held a remembrance march led by the Hitler lovers Tyndall, Webster and Fountaine marching under the Union Jack. This was opposed by a demonstration led by The Socialist Workers Party who at the time were the champions of all known rebellious and anti establishment tendencies.

Remembrance is about those who fell in two wars. Those who fell in the first were for the most part young and naive working class men. They marched proudly away to the sounds of bands playing and crowds cheering.

ation of working class people allowed themselves to be used as the playthings in the military fantasies of the officer class and return afterwards scarred in body and mind to join the growing dole queues. Their King and country no longer needed them.

### ATTRITION

The next four years (for those who lasted that long) were spent in conditions of horror and attrition. They saw practically a whole generation wiped out trying to obey the unbelievably incompetent orders of a general staff who seemed to believe that the best way to capture a machine-gun was to keep sending men at it until it ran out of bullets. The majority of those who fought in the First World War had nothing to gain from it. It was fought for the benefit of the Ruling classes of the advanced industrialised countries. For years they had been carving up the world between them in various colonies and empires and when they ran out of new countries they began to fall out and quarrel.

In the second World War there was at least a reason, a cause that was worth fighting for. The rule of Nazism and Fascism in Europe was a threat to the freedom of all people, perhaps not all those who fought against Hitler were ideologically committed but they still fought and died destroying one of the most dangerous evils the world has ever known and because of their sacrifice we live in a better world today. Most of those who fought in the first war fought for nothing. They were abused and then discarded.

### ANTI-FASCIST

The anti fascist forces in the second war freed millions of innocent people from tyranny. Many of those who returned to this country resisted

### WHICH SIDE?

'They died fighting bastards like you' cried the anti Fronters.

A confusing situation, which side was supporting what? and it is probably that you could ask a large number of militant Socialists their views on Remembrance Day without getting exactly the same answer from two of them. Can Socialists support anything that praises the army of the British establishment? This is my personal opinion.

## WE ARE RED ACTION

Red Action was formed in late 1981 when some working class socialists had finally had enough of being used then abused by liberals on the so-called revolutionary left. We believe that working class people have the power and ability to run their own lives. That goes for Red Action as well. We can organise and educate ourselves as Red Workers without any interference from middle class intellectuals.

Since our formation we have concentrated on fighting the fascists and supporting the Irish Nationalist struggle against the British ruling class. This is because we feel that most of the Left won't work in these areas as they can't get members out of them.

We intend to avoid at all costs, becoming like the other left groups; we are not a revolutionary party although it is not an impossibility that we might form a Party in the future.

The key thing for us is that we build a movement within the working class which has revolution as its aim. This movement must be rooted in the working class because only we as working class people have the power to sweep the Boss Class off the face of the earth. We will use any means at our disposal to further this aim. We do not reject any ideas, strategies or tactics just because we didn't think of them ourselves.

We believe that socialism belongs to the working class, and that while it is true that an organisation must be able to give a lead to the class, it must also be able to reflect the spirit and consciousness of the class.

We in Red Action will strive to this end. To justify our existence to the most critical and cynical audience of all - the working class, and present socialist politics in a way that identifies with them in their work and their leisure.

We are not puritan socialists, and are certainly not afraid to enjoy ourselves and celebrate all that is positive in working class culture

## WE ARE FOR

1. A working class organisation inspired and directed by working class people
2. United action between socialist groups FOR THE CLASS NOT THE PARTY
3. The Irish National liberation struggle against our own British ruling class
4. Total opposition to fascist organisations
5. Union strength - we support any picket line - in defence of workers living standards.
6. Opposition to all prejudice which divides workers, white against black, men against women.
7. Killing the lie that the "Communist states" are socialist.
8. Young peoples fight to determine their own future.

### RED ACTION IS AGAINST

1. Anything read in the Daily Express!

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These last factors mean that no amount of Equal Pay Acts can actually give women the same earning opportunities as men, although an effective Equal Pay Act would help. There is more to it than that. Until women are relieved of the burdens of childcare and housework by more involvement by men, and much greater support from the state in the form of nurseries, benefits, etc. equal pay can never be achieved.

This is why Socialist feminists not only involve themselves in Trade Union fights for better pay, and campaigning for increases, not cuts in Social Services, but also struggle for changes in family structures, traditional roles, and personal lives.