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A recent demonstration in London, in support of the struggle inside H-Block concentration camp

WHY BRITISH WORKERS MUST SUPPORT IRELAND'S STRUGGLE

The message of this paper is simple and to the point. British working people have no choice, if they are to remain true to their own interests, but to support the H-Block hunger strikers and their campaign for political prisoner status.

Ireland is a country which has been ruled by a foreign power for generations. The British ruling classes have dominated the country after country, among them, Ire-

land.

In this they have used and slaughtered British workers, and for what? What stake could the workers of one country ever have in the suppression of another people? None.

It is the logic of master and slave which alone justifies the continued domination of Ireland's sovereignty by British imperialism.

The H-Block hunger strikers will only have won a minor victory with the concession they demand. So what motivates them to risk death in this course of action? Their purpose is to reach out to the ears and minds of ordinary working people in Ireland, in Britain and throughout the world.

Of all the countries British imperialism has conquered and ruled it

has and will cling onto Ireland with more cunning and ferocity than any other.

The Irish people themselves have been misled and betrayed countless times in the face of this domination.

The Provisionals have also proved bankrupt in providing the strategy and tactics which would unite all Irish people, north and south against British occupation.

Yet these men, pitting what efforts they can muster against the British state, represent the heroism and justice of Ireland's endless struggle against foreign rule.

British workers, were they to find themselves in a similar position would also fight to the end — knowing who their true enemy was.

Understand only that Ireland's people are one, that their country is

a country occupied by an army, which is not their's, run by police who are paid from abroad, imprisoned by courts without juries, degraded by gaolers who perform the tasks of concentration camp guards, and the struggle within H-Block mirrors the struggle throughout Ireland, becomes one with which every British worker can and should align him or herself with today.