

# A NEW SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER WILL GO ON SALE ON 1st MAY, 1972

## EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The workers who bear the main responsibility for producing and selling the Irish Liberation Press have reached a policy decision to incorporate the Irish Liberation Press into a new periodical paper. This decision is the product of several months discussion and is unanimous.

2. The decision has been taken because the coming into being of the new publication will serve the interest of the Irish and British working people who have the same common enemy that exploits them both, namely the British imperialist ruling class through its ownership of the industry, land, commerce and finances of the two nations exploits the people of Ireland and Britain.

This common main enemy of both Irish and British working classes is like a huge clay-footed brute standing with one foot on the Irish people and the other foot on the British people. This brute can best be attacked by the workers of Ireland and Britain hacking away together with all their might at its legs to bring it down forever. Hence every blow struck against British imperialism in colonial Ireland is a blow of support for the struggle of British workers, and likewise every attack launched against this brute by the British working class is of assistance to the heroic people of Ireland in their glorious fight to clear their country of aggressor troops, expose and crush the Stormont and Dublin lackeys as well as their master British imperialism, win national liberation and march on to re-unite a liberated Ireland and build an independent socialist people's republic.

The new periodical paper will play a role within Britain in the raising of the political consciousness of the masses so that they will understand that to fully support the struggle in Ireland is in their own class interest, whilst simultaneously they must start work on the construction of a mass movement and a vanguard revolutionary political party of the working class and other exploited people so that socialist revolution can take place here in Britain.

3. At the top of this page there appears the masthead of the new publication which will take the same uncompromising stand in support of the Irish people as has the Irish Liberation Press during its lifetime.

4. The Irish Liberation Press has been quite successful. The first issue came out in March 1970 and sold two thousand copies. Average sales recently have been about 9,000 per issue. The Special Historic Easter Issue sold 10,400 copies throughout Britain and Ireland. But the real importance of the paper has not just been that it has sold so well despite all the many problems involved in bringing it out. The significant thing is that it has been a sturdy vehicle for the transmission of revolutionary ideas among the people. In other words it has been the clear, principled political line of the Irish

Liberation Press that has caused it to be so well liked by its readers and equally despised by the ruling class.

5. The Irish Liberation Press has also done everything in its power to show that the struggle against exploitation and oppression is an international one and has always supported the slogan "Workers and oppressed peoples of all countries unite."

6. This progress having been made, why incorporate the Irish Liberation Press into a new periodical paper? The answer is that the workers who produce and sell the Irish Liberation Press wish to expand a true understanding of and support for the struggle of the people of

a fish in water, sorting out their confusion, raising their level of political consciousness and winning them to revolutionary politics.

Such a paper does not yet exist in this country. The Irish Liberation Press could never be that paper precisely because its appeal was in the main to Irish workers in Britain, although quite a few class-conscious British workers of all colours did give it support. As long as this situation continued the millions of workers who are not Irish but nevertheless can be won would be left at the mercy of British imperialism's lie-machine which daily churns out systematically prepared distortions of the facts of the Irish struggle. So, although it was absolutely

the struggle of the workers of Britain can be reported, analysed and advanced. This will mean among other things that a new awareness of the class struggle for socialism here will be brought to Irish workers residing in Britain who, for as long as they stay, are part of this nation's working class and must be recruited to actively participate in the fight for socialism in Britain.

7. These limitations were inherent in the Irish Liberation Press. They could not be resolved nor the work moved forward and responsibilities shouldered in the absence of a new formulae being worked out through discussion and investigation which would be based upon a desire to serve the struggle of the Irish. British and world's peoples against imperialist domination and exploitation. It became apparent that what the people needed was a voice.

The poor cannot rely on the mass media of the rich to tell the truth about its problems or advance its class interest. So, in the spirit of working class self-reliance, the proposal to incorporate the Irish Liberation Press into a new-type socialist periodical paper was wholeheartedly adopted.

8. This is then the last issue of the Irish Liberation Press. The end of one phase of the struggle and the beginning of a new one, just as a child grows naturally into an adult.

The first issue of the Voice of the People will appear in time for May Day, an appropriate time for its launching when workers all over the world will be filling the streets marching under the banner of international working class solidarity and fight for a socialist world and the ending for all time of the system of capitalism and imperialism which is based on the exploitation of man by man. It will initially be published bi-monthly, will be the same price as this issue of the Irish Liberation Press, with an initial print order of at least ten thousand.

9. We appeal to all readers of the Irish Liberation Press to loyally support its successor, the Voice of the People. It will be different from every other paper in Britain, though many people are genuinely striving for the same ends as the producers of the new periodical. The producers of the new periodical paper hope that all genuine people up and down the country will over a period of time be linked together through the Voice of the People and that it will aid the eradication of subjectivism and assist in the creation of genuine organizations for socialist struggle.

Please buy and read the Voice of the People when it comes out. It is in your interest to do so. It is your voice. And you are its vocal chords.



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Ireland from within Britain. Whereas the Irish Liberation Press has been a good platform for getting across news of what is happening in Ireland to Irish workers in Britain, the fact remains that millions and millions of British workers are politically confused—and are purposely kept confused by the British imperialist newspapers, television and radio—as to the class nature of the fight against colonial domination. Because, as has already been explained, in reality it is in the interest of British workers to give solidarity and support to the Irish people, these millions of workers in Britain are a huge reservoir of potential support, a potential that can only begin to be tapped when there exists here a paper which goes amongst them like

vital, particularly after the pogrom of late 1969, that a paper should be brought out which exposed the brutalities being perpetrated against the people of Ireland together with their heroic fight back. It is now absolutely vital that the machinery for exposing the truth to the maximum amount of workers everywhere should be developed. The practical experience gained in almost two years of writing, producing and selling the Irish Liberation Press will be of invaluable assistance to the undertaking of this serious responsibility.

Moreover, the new periodical paper will be the appropriate platform through which not only the struggle in Ireland can be given adequate coverage but also