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Friends,

Since we held our first Anti-Imperialist Festival two years ago great changes have taken place — changes in Ireland of one type and changes in countries such as Angola and Vietnam of quite a different type.

In Ireland the existence of unimagined wealth in oil, gas and minerals has been confirmed. But it has also been confirmed that it is the multinationals and not the people of Ireland who will benefit from this wealth.

The struggle of the people for the possession of this wealth is in progress. But it will be a long struggle — the struggle of a nation against the forces of international capitalism. It is a struggle which will need the assistance of the forces of international anti-imperialists. This struggle must, as we have always stressed, go hand in hand with the struggle for national independence — national independence is worthless unless the people possess and control the national wealth.

It is a source of great joy and encouragement that, since the Anti-Imperialist Festival of 1974, struggles similar to our own have been won by the people of Vietnam and of Angola. Their victories have already ignited the torch of freedom in other countries. Their victories have encouraged the move towards unity of the international oppressed in the struggle against the international oppressors.

It is to develop this international brotherhood that Sinn Fein has organised this Festival — we Irish will learn from our comrades from overseas, we hope that you will learn from us in Ireland.

Welcome. Welcome from the oppressed in Ireland, comrades. We understand that our struggle is your struggle, you understand that your struggle is our struggle. This Festival will strengthen that understanding. That understanding will strengthen the bonds between us, the bonds of unity of purpose which will free us from the bondage of imperialism.

To Victory,
Tomas Mac Giolla.
Welcome Message from Tomas Mac Giolla
President of Sinn Fein.

A Chara,

Cead failte romhaibh go hEirinn. O bhi Comhdhail mar seo agaínn dha bhlian o shoin ta aithraithe more tagtha — aithraithe in Eirinn de shghas amhain agus aithraithe i dtíortha mar Angola agus Vietnam de shaghas eile.

In Eirinn ta se deimhnithe anois go bhfuil saibhreas an-mhor sa tir idir ola, gais agus mianrai. Ach ta se comh deimhin gurb iad na multinationals amhain agus nach muintir na hEireann a bhainfidh leas astu. Ta an troid ar siul chun seilbh a gabhail don choismhuintir ar an saibhreas. Ach troid fada a bheidh ann — troid naisiun i gcóinibhí forsai idirnaisiunta... ni troid e a bhuafar gan cabhair coismhuintir idirnaisiunta.

Is cUIS MOR ATHAIS DuINN, O bhailiomar ag ar gComhdhail frith-impreachachais i 1974, go bhfuil a leithóid de throid buaite ag muintir Vietnam agus muintir Angola — buanna a spreagfaidh naisiun eile chun saoirse, a spreagfaidh an chosmhuintr idirnaisiunta ghun seasamh lena cheile i gcóinibhí na smachtoiri.

Is chun an idirnaisiunachas sin a spreagadh a reachtaileann Sinn Fein comhdhail mar seo — beidh muidne in Eireann ag fogh-­lúim ceachtanna on ar braithreacha o tiortha eile i rith na coicise seo — ta suil agam go bhfoghlúimeoidh síbh uainne in Eirinn.

Cead failte romhaibh aris — Cead failte o choismhuintir na hEireann romhaibh, a theachtai. Tuigeann muid gur ar dtroid, bhur dtroid agus tuigeann síbhse gur bhur dtroid ar dtroid. Cuirfidh an coicios seo leis an dtuisicint sin — tabharfáidh neart tuisceana neart don naidhmu mhúsclaionn beart.

Beir Bua,
Tomas MacGiolla
DUBLIN – ATH CLIATH:
Monday 19th July.
Liberty Hall – 2pm.
Welcoming Address: Sean Garland
National Organiser Sinn Fein.

Liberty Hall – 3pm.
Ireland – The Background. Seamus O’Tuathail, Author & Journalist.

Trinity College. Junior Common Room – 8pm.
Multinationals – The other army of occupation: Tomas Mac Giolla
Eamonn Smullen
President Sinn Fein.
Dir. Economic Affairs, Sinn Fein.

Tuesday 20th July:
Liberty Hall – 3pm.
The Economic Development of the Southern Ireland State. Dessie Geraghty,
Mattie Merrigan,
Trade Union Official.
District Secretary,
Amalgamated Trans. & Gen. Workers Union.

Fonntrai – 7.30pm
Culturlann na hEireann. A colourful stage show of Irish traditional music, song & dance.
Sponsored by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

Wednesday 21st July:
Assemble at Kilmainham Jail. 10.30am.
Tour of Kilmainham Jail, Historical museum with remnants of the 1798 Rising and subsequent struggles against British rule.

Liberty Hall – 3p.m.
The Robbery of Ireland’s Natural Resources. Pat Brady,
Pat Rabbitte.
Trade Union Official.
Trade Union Official & Chairman of Resources Protection Campaign
Trade Union Support Group.

Liberty Hall – 8p.m.
Ireland in the EEC – The Great Confidence Trick! Tomas MacGiolla
Michael Mullen
President Sinn Fein.
General Secretary Irish Transport & General Workers Union.
Thursday 22nd July
Liberty Hall — 3 p.m.
The Land & the Sea as Resources.

7.30 p.m. — Forum:
The Erosion of Civil Liberties in the South.

Friday 23rd July.

Liberty Hall 11 a.m.
Resources Exhibition: The Wealth of Ireland for the People of Ireland.

Liberty Hall 3 p.m.
Building the Resistance to Imperialism.

Liberty Hall — 8 p.m.
National Liberation — Ireland a Third World Colony.

Saturday 24th July.

Dixon Hall, Trinity College — 2 p.m.
Relationship between Unionism & the New Imperialism in the 1880's and '90's.

Dixon Hall, — 4 p.m.
Film Show "Caoineadh Airt Ui Laoire". (A Lament for Airt Ui Laoire).

Sunday 25th July.

8 —- 1 a.m. Buffet with Traditional Music & Songs of Irish Resistance. (Sponsored by Sinn Fein).

Clare Manor Hotel, Malahide Rd.
Belfast – Beal Feirste

Monday 26th July.

8 p.m. British Involvement in Northern Ireland – a case of reluctant imperialism? Brian Brennan, Chairman Belfast Executive Republican Clubs. Member of Ard Comhairle Sinn Fein.

Tuesday 27th July.


3 p.m. The fight against Sectarianism – the fight against Imperialism! Workshop Leaders.

8 p.m. Breaking the Sectarian Chains. Malachy McGurran, Vice President, Sinn Fein. Chairman Six County Executive Republican Clubs.

Wednesday 28th July.

11 a.m. Conducted tours of Historical places in Belfast.

8 p.m. Social Evening – Traditional Music and Songs of Irish Resistance.

Thursday 29th July.

3 p.m. The continuing violations of Human Rights and Civil Liberties in Northern Ireland. Kevin McCorry, Tomas MacGiolla, President Sinn Fein. Work & Class Politics.
Friday 30th July.

11 a.m.
The North — The Economic Battle — an examination of who controls the commanding heights of the North’s Economy.

Brian Brennan, Chairman Belfast Executive Republican Clubs.
Members of Ard Comhairle of Sinn Fein.

3 p.m.
The Northern Ireland State — an examination of the Civil Service, Military and Judicial Establishment under Direct British Rule.

John Hunter, Secretary Six County Executive of Republican Clubs.

8 p.m.
Social Evening — Traditional Music & Songs of Irish Resistance.

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IRISH REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT 30 Gardiner Place Dublin 1 Ireland
Message from Irish Republican Prisoners.

Greetings to you, comrades, from behind the barbed wire of Britain's concentration camp at Long Kesh and Belfast, Armagh, Portlaoise and English prisons.

We who are deprived of our freedom by British Imperialism are encouraged by your visit. You will see the naked force of Imperialism in action. Let it not deter you from fighting it.

We who are in cages because of our opposition to British Imperialism are conscious of the fact that Imperialism fills many prisons throughout the world.

Our sense of brotherhood cuts through the barbed wire of the concentration camps, breaches the prison walls and joins us in spirit with you who are struggling to defeat imperialism throughout the world.

Thank you for the support you have given to highlight the injustices being perpetrated upon us, on our wives and on our children. Keep up the fight. Victory will be ours.