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A Concise look at the Words:

Socialism.
Capitalism.
Republicanism.
Communism.
Marxism.
Imperialism.
Dialectical Materialism.
Justice. (MARX.)
Racism.

Socialism:

The irreconcilable Contradiction, between the Capitalists and the working class, is resolved by Socialist Revolution. The phasing out, gradually, of Private ownership. An end to Anarchy Ruling in production, under Capitalism. Freedom from exploitation. The Wealth and Resources put back into Society, for the benefit of all. Better relations of production. Equality, no discrimination. Socialism arises out of the Class-struggle, caused by antagonism, between the oppressed Class and the oppressive class, produced by history. The Proletariat in control of the means of production.

Capitalism:

The Means of production, industry, land, ~~wealth~~^{Tools}, is held in the hands of a few. The Workers [Proletariat] only own their labour power, and are reduced to 'Wage-Slaves', living under exploitation, impoverishment, and Misery, by the Capitalists [Bourgeoisie]. Poverty abounds amid great Wealth, and Rich Idlers. The Ruling Class maintains its Rule by whatever means possible, institutionalised Violence, etc. Capitalism really developed due to the 'Industrial Revolution', steam power, large scale industry etc. This then giving birth to the Modern working class as we know it. But, Capitalism holds the germ of its own undoing. As Capitalism progresses, so also does the working class, becoming more 'AWARE'. Mobilising and agitating, until the Antagonism is, eventually, resolved violently.

'Antagonism', Greek word - agon: Contest.

Capitalism has arrested development, ensuring national and Social economic subjection...

Republicanism:

As the name implies, pertaining to a Republic. An end to Economic, Political, Military, Colonialism. Complete ownership of the means of Production. The foundations of Republicanism being based on:

Separatism.
Nationalism.
Socialism.
Un-Sectarianism.
Secularism.

Communism:

A higher stage of Socialism. Complete abolition of ^{Bourgeois} private ownership. An end to classes in Society. An end to the 'State'. The 'State' being an organ of Class rule. Egalitarianism. The Wealth produced goes back into Society, for the good of all the people. Common ownership of the land, productive forces, industry, technology etc. in the hands of the people. From, each according to his abilities, To, each according to his needs. No Communist Country, in the strict sense, exists in the world today. The Unity of the World, under a Communist programme, is needed to achieve this goal.

MARXISM:

KARL MARX, 1818-1883. The basis of Marxism is Class-struggle. He put Socialism on a firm base. Marxism is, Scientific Socialism. Lenin said of Marx: "The teaching of Marx is all powerful, because it is true". Marxism is a way of viewing the world, understanding it, and changing it, Dialectical Materialism. The ending of Man's inhumanity to fellow Man. Marx and Engels wrote the 'Communist Manifesto' in 1848. Marx said: "philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways, the point is to change it." Marx analysed Capitalism and discovered many things, Surplus-Value, Unpaid-labour, That the economic relations of Society determine the classes etc. Some people thus call Marxism, 'economic determinism'. He pointed out that the Superstructure can only change, when you change the Mode of production, the economic base.

Mode of Production: How things in Society are produced. What is produced. How products are exchanged. Distribution of Wealth, etc.

Superstructure: All the Political, Social, Religious, legal, Moral, institutions, ideas, thoughts, etc. Change the Economic base, and the Superstructure changes also.

Imperialism: A higher stage of Capitalism.

Capitalists, exploiting further than their own borders. Maintaining Rule and exploitation by force and influence in other Countries. The rise of imperialism, in a big way, really came into being in the 20th Century. The Imperialist U.S.A.

Dialectical Materialism:

A doctrine of development, & Science. Universal laws governing the development of Nature, Human Society, and thought. Materialism, which sees history as the process of development, of Mankind. Dialectics, an understanding of the world, universe, etc, the word comes from the Greek, 'debate and converse'. The basis of Dialectical Materialism is the Scientific fact of 'Matter in Motion'. Meaning all Matter, [everything that exists] is in Constant Motion [changing]. EVERYTHING, is in perpetual change. Nothing exists in isolation, everything is inter-connected and inter-acts. Nothing ever remains, from one moment to the next, the same. That change takes place through Contradictions i.e. through the actions of opposing forces working on each other, through the unity of opposites. EVERYTHING, Comes into being, develops, Reaches its peak, declines, and then passes away. Just like the Dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth. And so also, will the Human Race. Then, new forms of life will come into being. Tribal Society, ^{Primitive Community}, which had no classes, because there was no surplus production, then Agriculture came about and thus an ending to the nomadic ways. Slave Society, ^{Slave Society}, consisting of Slaves and of course, Slave owners. After the break-up of Slave Society, came Early Feudal Society. We then had new classes: landowners and Serfs. Then, later Feudal Society, which ^{Feudal State} was far richer, and a more developed Society. And then Capitalist Society, ^{Capitalist System}, which we now live in. Each Society is built upon its own 'Mode of production'. Each Society broke-up at different times, not altogether, in different parts of the World. Socialist Society.

Justice, [MARX]:

Each Society has its own concept of justice, based upon its own distinctive Mode of Production. Thus there cannot be an eternal concept of justice, relevant for all Societies, which Man can appeal to, etc. Slavery was enshrined in Roman law, today it is totally outlawed. So, a concept of justice is tied up with each particular Society. Justice, upholding the basis of each M.O.P. Justice cannot condemn as injustice the whole order on which it is actually built, and reflects, indeed, to do so, would be to condemn its own existence. Thus, Wage-labour is 'Just' under Capitalism as it's the central pivot on which the whole System of Capitalism turns. That is why Marx would not call it 'unjust'. Justice according to each Society. At one stage Capitalism was progressive, where as now it's oppressive ^{wasteful} and Unnecessary. Capitalist practices under Communism would be an injustice.

RACISM:

is based on irrational hatred, [As is, Sectarianism.] which is propagated by the Ruling Class in order to keep the Working classes of different countries separate from each other. So as to continue exploitation and maintain Rule. ^{SPIC, NAGG, JEN, JAP, Gook, Pineapple, Palack, Frog, KRAUT, etc.} Chinese people - chinks. Black people - Niggers, COONS. This is Capitalist terminology. ^{Racist terminology} No ideologically conditioned people to dislike them. Don't use the word 'Negro'. Always

Identify with World-wide struggles, no matter what the colour of their skin etc. Don't be conned into doing the Capitalists' dirty work by using his terminology, and Remember, a victory for an oppressed class, anywhere in the World, is a victory for all oppressed Classes of the World. If you are a racist, you are not a Revolutionary. At a stage in the Earth's history, all of the human Race was Black. [Tropics].

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Cambrian:

510 Million years ago. At this time there were four large Continents, North America, Europe, Gondwanaland [South America, Antarctica, Africa and Australia], and Angara [Eastern Asia]. Europe and North America were moving towards each other.

Devonian:

380 Million years ago. Europe and North America had collided so that there were only Three Continents. Sea levels were low and there were recurrent periods of drought in some regions.

Permian:

250 Million years ago. All 3 Continents had collided to form one SuperContinent, known as Pangaea. Again sea levels were low and desert conditions widespread, but in between the Devonian and the Permian there was a period of great humidity, the Carboniferous, when swamps and forests dominated the Earth.

Cretaceous:

100 Million years ago. North America and Europe had begun to split apart, and the rift between South America and Africa followed shortly afterwards. The sea level was very high.

Eocene:

50 Million years ago. The Atlantic Ocean had opened up. South America was an island, and so was India which had broken away from Africa, and was moving northwards. Australia was still locked on to Antarctica.

Pleistocene:

40,000 years ago. The Continents were almost in their present-day positions. During the Pleistocene there

Were four Major glaciations. During these the sea level was very low, so that the coastline was near the edge of the Continental shelf. In between the glaciations there were very warm periods.

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The Circle of Social Analysis:

1. Reflection on experience.
2. Identification of problem(s).
3. Analysis of Cause(s).
4. Planning for action.
5. Implementation of action.

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Algeria.
Pieds Noirs. [European Settlers].
'Ultras'.
French Army.
O.A.S.

Muslims.
F.L.N.
A.L.N.
G.P.R.A.

1830: France occupies Algiers.

1847: Abd-el-Kader surrenders.

1871: French loss of Alsace-Lorraine steps up Colonisation of Algeria.

1936: Blum-Viollette reforms for Algeria: Not implemented.

1940: Fall of France.

1942: 8 November: Allied landings in Algeria and Morocco.

1945: V.E. Day, 8 May; Algerian revolt in Sétif followed by severe reprisals.

1954: 7 May, Fall of 'Dien Bien Phu' in Indo-China.

18 June, Mendes-France comes to power.

1 November, All Saints' Day: The Algeria War begins.

Algeria

1955: 25 Jan: Soustelle appointed governor-general.

6 Feb, Mendès-France falls.

18-24 Apr: F.L.N. attend Bandung Conference of 'Third World'.

20 August: F.L.N. Massacre Pieds Noirs at Philippeville.

1956: 26 Jan, Mollet succeeds Faure as Prime Minister.

2 February, Soustelle goes, replaced by Lacoste.

18 May, Palestro Massacre of French Conscripts.

20 August, Boummam Conference establishes F.L.N. Policy.

30 September, Yacef's girls bomb Milk-Bar and Cafeteria: Battle of Algiers begins.

16 October, Interception of Altos, loaded with arms from Egypt for F.L.N.

22 October, Ben Bella hijacked and imprisoned by French.

5 November: Anglo-French landings at Suez.

14 December, Salan appointed Commander-in-Chief in Algeria.

1957: 7 January, Massu's paras take over Algiers.

16 January, Bazooka attempt to kill Salan.

28 January, General Strike begins in Algiers. Broken by Paras.

21 May, Mollet falls, France is 22 days with no government.

31 May, Massacre of peasants by F.L.N. at Melouza.

2 July, J.F. Kennedy's speech supporting Algerian Independence.

24 Sept, Yacef captured: Battle of Algiers won by Massu.

5 November, Gaillard succeeds Bourges-Maunoury as Prime Minister.

26 December, Liquidation of Ramdane Abane.

1958: 7 January, Saharan oil begins to flow.

8 February, French bomb Sakiel in Tunisia.

15 April, Gaillard falls: France 37 days with no government.

13 May, Algiers mob seizes government buildings and demands de Gaulle.

1 June, de Gaulle becomes Prime Minister.

4 June, de Gaulle makes triumphant visit to Algeria. ["Je vous ai compris".]

19 Sept, C.P.R.A. formed. Provisional Government of the Algerian Revolution.

3 October, de Gaulle offers 'paix des braves' to the rebels.

12 December, Challe and Delouvrier replace Salan.

21 December, de Gaulle is elected President of France.

1959: 22 July, Operation "Binoculars", climax of Challe offensive.

16 September, de Gaulle offers Algeria, "Self-determination".

1960: 19 January, Massu sacked for attacking de Gaulle's policy.

24 January "Barricades week", "ultras" shoot Gendarmes.

29 January, de Gaulle speaks, revolt collapses.

23 April Challe "promoted" away from Algeria.

10 June, Si Salah makes abortive peace approach to de Gaulle.

Algeria

25-29 June, French peace talks with F.L.N. at Melun fail.

6 September, "Manifesto of the 121" inciting conscripts to desert.

28-29 September, Ferhat Abbas goes to Moscow and Peking.

23 November, Joxe and Morin replace Delouvrier.

9-13 December, Muslim backlash as de Gaulle visits Algeria.

20 December, United Nations recognises Algeria's right to self-determination.

1961: 25 January, O.A.S. emerges, assassination of Maître Popie.

20-26 April, "Generals Putsch" in Algiers, de Gaulle triumphs.

25 April, France explodes atomic bomb at Reggane in Sahara.

19 May, 19 O.A.S. explosions in Algiers.

20 May-28 July, first peace talks at Evian fail.

19-23 July, fighting between France and Tunisia at Bizerta.

8 September, assassination attempt on de Gaulle at Pont-sur-Seine.

1962: 7 February, Bomb intended for Malraux in Paris blinds girl of 4.

February, O.A.S. kill 553 people.

7-18 March, Second Evian peace talks: agreement signed.

19 March, Cease-fire between French and F.L.N.

20 April, Salan captured.

17 June, Truce between O.A.S. and F.L.N.: exodus of Pieds Noirs.

1 July, Referendum on independence.

15 September, Ben Bella becomes President.

1965: 19 June, Boumedienne overthrows Ben Bella.

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Historical Materialism:

The Mode of production, of Material life, conditions the Social, Political, and intellectual life process in the general. The process of Dialectical Materialism sets out the foundation of our study of political life. It details our approach and analysis. We use the Method to analyse, scientifically, the political situation, and consequently, to allow us to take the possible course of action to shape events in the interests of the Irish Working class. This second phase of study is known as historical Materialism.

History, for the Scientific Socialist, is no recountal of finished and completed events. A good story well told. It's not how we view the events of the past for us to imagine that by simply repeating the tale of the most stirring events and heroic deeds from days gone by, in order to arouse passions or justify actions, if we used history this way it would be, indeed, a harmful blunder. By ignoring the Scientific and logical criteria, demanded by dialectical materialism. This above mentioned attitude is invalid for serious students of Socialism. The ancient and honourable role of the "Seanachie" in Irish Society does not never the less

quality to take part in the school of historical Materialistic thought.

Rather than the dubious 'yard stick' of the "Seamachie", the certain approach of how the doctor views his patients' case history. Just as a Medical Man wishes to know as much as possible about his patients illness, in order that he may make a proper diagnosis, and pronounce a worthwhile prognosis. ^{And then cure.} Thus do we also survey history, for us history of present and future is as important, [infact more important], than history of the past.

Before we can contemplate offering a guide-line for Revolutionary practice, we must be able to offer a verifiable assessment of contemporary Ireland, ^{and this can only} come from a proper understanding and interpretation of our past. The Materialist view of history [stemming from the basic method of D.M.] is the key to making this assessment. So as we can group the under-lining principles of the progress of man through history. It is essential that we come to terms with the importance of the economic determinant, the basic idea dictates that we refute the 'great Man' or combination of 'chance'. [Metaphysical, theory of history]. We clearly realise that the M.O.P. of Mans livelihood is the factor determining the major movement of history. We do not, of course, resort to pedantic and foolish attitudes which insists we see money in each and every action.

What 'economic determinism' insists upon is that we acknowledge the deep running and crucial importance of the economic factor in the moulding of Society in the long run. The last phrase "in the long run", is actually closer to the proper version of historical materialism than any overtly, high profile revelation of the role economics play in history. Usually it takes deep research before the truth of the principle is revealed in the real world. Before drawing a simple picture of Ancient or primitive Society, to illustrate the effect of the 'economic' environment on the course of history, it is important to define the world economic environment solely means the financial world of big banking and stock exchange. Undoubtedly in the modern world of the capitalist economic environment, banking and stock market play an important role. But we use the term in a broader sense, we use it to include all the activities performed within Society which go to make up the wealth of the Society. In other words all activities which contribute to the satisfying of Mans' needs. The Baker of bread is just as integral, therefore, to the economic environment, as the August Chancellor of the exchequer. To fix this idea in our minds let us build an example for our convenience, for the purpose of simplicity and clarity, we shall use Primitive Society. However, we should keep in mind that Contemporary Society obeys the same basic rules, albeit in somewhat more complexity.

We take as our starting point, a period that reaches back beyond recorded history, to the first organised division of labour. Man; the species discovered at an early stage of evolution that the male, being physically stronger was ^{biologically suited.} better suited for hunting, than was the female. In order not to starve the female was obliged to accept the subservient role of child minder and hearth servant ^{child learner too.} in this primitive state of Society. Due to the control exercised by the male over the economic wealth, i.e. Food and clothes obtained from the carcasses of the hunted animals. And hence the Community's livelihood, control of Society gravitated inexorably into the hands of the Male.

Through time the power of the male increased to such an extent that for most of history women had occupied a position of non-citizen. Although the question of feminism is integral to our struggle and important among our objectives, it has perhaps come to have a status of it's own and may tend to confuse the picture of historical materialism. Unfortunately ^{as this is}, we must extend therefore our example to include a further state of economic development, we remain though in primitive times for our example.

If we look at the period of history when man was changing from a pure 'hunter' and 'nomad' to a 'farmer' and residential being, ^{agricultural revolution: 8000 BC.} we can obtain a deeper insight into the importance of the economic infra-structure. No other Species has been so successful as man. No other species has the same ability to force nature and environment to serve it's needs as Man. yet, the process has by no means been one directional. The fact that Man has advanced by winning a struggle with nature, and environment, has at the same time determined Mans rate and style of advance. The limitations of the environment or the inability of man to harass it has ensured this. The fact that ^{MAN/NOMAD kind} Man was [and remains] the most effective of the hunters led to the situation that the Species, Man, flourished at the expense of other predators and game. A paralleled increase in Mans numbers, and a reduction in his source of food was the initial result of this. At first Man tended to migrate or drift from the old, more exhausted, hunting grounds to fresher ones. ^{ACROSS INTO ASIA.} Eventually however the overcrowding of limited geographical areas meant that the era of the purely hunting ^{GATHERING} nomad had to give way to the herd keeping, crop growing residential farmer. Naturally, this process took place over many years, and not always at an even pace.

Infact one does not have to look too hard to find areas of the world today, where the environment has allowed man to remain in the older stages of progress. ^{ABORIGINALS ETC.} despite history's gradual, and undoubtedly uneven, development, the picture is discernible. the economic factors which force Man to organise himself in Society, also forces him to remain mobile, both within his environment and eventually to expand beyond his immediate environment. The need to satisfy his needs forces man to be mobile, and this intum leads to the conflicts between man, as they began to encroach upon each others territory. One of the great examples in history of this is the lucidly recorded battles between Julius Caesar and the Celts, in the decades before the [alleged], birth of christ. The celebrated incidents of "Bellicum Galluin" came about because the pasture lands of central Europe were no longer capable of supporting the growing numbers of Celts. The emigration, massive, of the period, which brought the ~~ancient~~ Roman/Celtic confrontation stemmed from this basic fact. We could continue indefinitely in a similar vain. But we must learn to do our own research also.

This is the easier part, the economic determinant which is most generally accepted and least controversial. But, the Scientific Socialist does not confine himself merely to the changing roles of the M.O.P. the Scientific Socialist recognises their role [i.e. the M.O.P., means livelihood] in determining the forms of Political Super-structure and intellectual, philosophical etc

5 different M.O.P. by which Mankind gained power over nature: Primitive Community - Slave dynamics of that Society. For example in Ireland of the early Celts, the relative size of the country and its abundance of fish, game, and grazing land led to a situation where the affairs of Man were conducted in a manner much less formal, and more easy-going than even ^{was} of the then contemporary "Roman Empire". The privileged class of Celtic Society [the warrior and hunter] had little difficulty in imposing their whim upon the tribal Society of nomadic hunter/herders. The principle Sept within a tribal unit held unchallengeable power within the Clan. The strongest of the controlling Sept [the chieftain] maintains his authority by dint of his sword. Any system of nomadic hunting-com+herding, in a relatively underpopulated land, tends towards a tribal clan system of social life. The warrior elite grew in power as they first used their skill to defend the people of the Clan against, hostility, wild beasts etc, while at the same time providing the food. Later, the same skills were used to repulse marauding neighbours. Inturn, this life-style found its explanation in the mystical nature-religion of the Celtic druid rites. Ireland had settled into a more residential Society before Christianity made its major impact in the fifth century. The Church in Celtic or Gaelic Ireland was never in harmony with the more rigidly feudalistic type church of 'Rome'. Ireland and Rome were only to come into proper consonance, during a time when Society here was based on a feudal agricultural system, more easily understood by Italian Pontiffs than the old clan system.

Before passing on to detail the recognised stages of Man's history, and why they came about, it may be worthwhile to re-cap on the under-lying message of "Dialectical Materialism". In a nut-shell it is; that Man must create a Society suitable to and demanded by the system of winning his livelihood. It is unlikely, for example, that 'Arab' bedouins would ever have put much emphasis on establishing a college for Maritime engineering, nor would they have given much thought either to legislation for the same marine world. Alternatively, it would have been of inestimable importance to a 'Scandinavian' region to pay much attention to such problems. So not only the economic conditions determine the structure of Society but also the form of legislative machinery employed by the Society and the philosophical out-look of the same Society.

Community. ^{State} ^{System} ^{Society}
A/ Primitive B/ feudal. C/ Capitalist. D/ Socialist. Societies.

It is important to emphasise that the above listed phases of history are broad and general periods. One should not be tempted to rely too rigidly on them. To do so would be to fall foul of the common failing of Mechanical analysis. History as a Science of humanity rather than physics, rarely fits into neat compartments. Instead one must discern the broad trends and link them together into an intelligent pattern, which none-the-less is always to be found by the 'aware' eye. When we learn by the mistakes of Mechanical analysis, it is important to remind ourselves of the importance of the dialectical progress of history. The World moves forward, and as a result of conflicts within Society, internal or inherent contradictions in Society bring about the conflicts which

Society. Feudal State. Capitalist system. Socialist Society.
cause historical changes.

A/ Primitive Society:

[Tribal Association].

This period is characterised by Tribal or Clan life. The population of the World allowed Man to move relatively freely in pursuit of ^{Food} ^{etc.}. We know from Irish history [and from viewing of the American Red Indians] the life-style of the time. Insofar as man appropriated his livelihood from the wild, there was relatively little exploitation of Man, by Man, and there was little need for a formal state machine to organise the rules of exploitation. However, as man began to acquire and accumulate wealth, herds of animals etc, and to cultivate small plots of land, the exploitation became more noticeable.

B/ Feudal Society:

This period developed with the settling of the hunting tribes, [at rivers etc; transport, irrigation] into crop growing, ^{town building} pasture grazing farmers. The growing population of the world and the diminishing game necessitated this evolution, as the higher productivity of residential agriculture allowed for higher population levels. In its wake the increasing numbers of people give rise to the system of patronage, known as feudalism. The older warrior elite, from tribal times, found the new role of managing this early form of state. Because of the increasing complexity of Society a greater division of labour was necessary, and with the increasing productivity, so followed an increase in mass appropriation of wealth and power by the feudal lords, an increasingly complex state was required. Feudalism is characterised by the vassal system, where a sect of 'nobels' control Society through their ownership of land, means of production, etc, gained originally by the use of blunt force [violence and deceit]. The contradiction in Tribal Society, the main one, which permitted feudalism to replace it, was its inability to feed or take care of the increasing population with its reliance on the anarchistic forms of production found in hunting ^{gathering} and animal herding etc. It was inevitable that it [tribalism] would fall before the superior organisation of feudalism. A similar contradiction was to lead to the demise of feudalism. ^{Industrial Revolution. Steam power etc.} EARLY/LATER, feudalism.

C/ Capitalist Society:

The increasing population which the orderly land system of Feudalism encouraged led eventually to a population overspill. The over-crowding of Western Europe in particular, forced the exploration of the 'Americas' and 'Africa'. Inturn, the increasing outlet or [market] provided the incentive which brought about the 'Industrial Revolution' of the 18th-19th Centuries. With industrialisation went the huge expansion of a labour market, and a transfer of economic power from the landed aristocracy to the capital owning industrialist. A factor of importance at this stage, is the gradual but constant expansion of the proportion of Society having power, from the early times when one strong-armed Man, [chieftain or tribal leader] wielded absolute power through ^{to} the committee of nobels of feudalism, to the still large class of capital owners under Capitalism. ^{Technological Revolution. 20th Century.} The increasing complexity of Society, plus the ever accruing wealth, demanded a large number of participants in the management of Society. The state slowly became less autocratic, but in the vast majority of cases, the producers of wealth have yet to gain unqualified control of the State.

This idea brings us to the latest stage in Man's history, The phase of: Socialist Society. The real recognised fact that in capitalist society those who use the means of production have not yet ultimate control of their 'product'. This is a basic contradiction. Capitalism is the enunciation of the right to private property. There is a fundamental negation within Capitalism of its basic premise. When the Worker in turn confiscates the right of private capital in favour of Socialism, ~~Socialist~~ Socialist property rights, then Capital [by the expropriation of the expropriator] privileges are negated. This is what is meant by the phrase: "The negation of the negation", or the Socialist stage of production. Man implements the process of shaping his own destiny free from exploitation by other Men...

Economic conditions ^{Produced by history} shape the form of change within the world. ^{This} is the important fact. We must grasp this fundamental truth before we attempt to analyse present day, Irish Society, before we can obtain a true reading of our situation. The discipline of correct and thorough examination, of each situation, must be implanted in our Methodology. A correct analysis is imperative. At all times.

Dulce et decorum est pro patria Mori.

Botany: Study of plants.

Biology: Study of living things. 19-Apr-86:

Acquired characteristics:

Inheritance of transmission to offspring of variations, which appeared in the parents as responses to environmental influences. E.g. exposure to sunlight causes darkening of the skin of white human beings, compared to others less exposed: An acquired characteristic. If this acquired characteristic were inherited, offspring of the darker parents would then tend, even if only very slightly, to be darker than offspring of the lighter parents, when both groups of offspring are reared in equal sunlight. The view that such inheritance occurs is commonly known as, Lamarckism, or neo-Lamarckism. It is not widely thought that such inheritance is of importance in organisms reproducing sexually. When an acquired variation occurs, the gametes are not usually affected in such a way as to reproduce these variations in the offspring. It has however been shown that Natural Selection may change successive generations of a population so that a characteristic at first acquired only in response to the environment may come to develop independently of the environmental stimulus (genetic assimilation). Organisms reproducing asexually may, of course, hand on to their offspring part of the body complete with its acquired characteristics.

Amino Acid:

Organic compound containing both basic Amino (NH_2) and acidic carboxyl (COOH) groups. Fundamental constituents of living matter because some hundreds or thousands of Amino acid Molecules are combined to make each protein Molecule. There are 20 different Amino-acids commonly found in proteins, and there are a few other rare ones. Essential formula of naturally occurring ones (α -Amino-acids) is $\text{R}-\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)-\text{COOH}$, where R is a variable grouping of atoms (fundamentally a carbon chain or ring), an amino group always being attached to the Carbon Atom next to the carboxyl group. Amino acids are

Synthesized by autotrophic organisms such as most green plants. Certain ('essential') amino acids must, like vitamins, be obtained from the environment by heterotrophic organisms. There are eight such for Man (valine, leucine, phenylalanine, tryptophan, lysine, isoleucine, methionine, threonine), and almost the same list is known for a Ciliate, an insect, a bird, and the Rat. Other ('non-essential') amino acids are not required from the environment, since the organism can synthesize them, though in some cases only from essential ones.

Asexual Reproduction:

Reproduction without gametes (excludes parthenogenesis). In plants consists of either spore-formation or vegetative reproduction. In Metazoa spore-formation does not occur; Asexual reproduction is by fission, or gemmation.

Autotomy:

Self-amputation of part of the body, e.g. Lizard can break off Tail when it is seized by a predator, muscular action snapping a vertebra. Lost part is usually regenerated.

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Bacteria. (Schizomycophyta):

Group (Division) of unicellular or multicellular, microscopic, prokaryotic organisms, lacking chlorophyll (a few have bacteriochlorophyll). have usually been classified with plants rather than with animals, but are distinct from both. A Third Kingdom. Protista is sometimes constituted for bacteria and all other organisms of simple biological organisation. In shape Rod-like, More or less spiral, filamentous, occasionally forming a Mycelium, or, in some forms, spherical, varying in breadth mostly from 0.5 to 2.0 micrometres; Non Motile or motile by one or more flagella. Multiplication is by simple fission; other forms of asexual reproduction, by formation of asexually dispersed spores, flagellated swimmers, occur in some bacteria. Sexual Reproduction has also been demonstrated in certain forms. Ubiquitous, occurring in large numbers in favourable habitats, e.g. a gram of soil may contain from a few thousand to several hundred Million bacteria; a cubic centimetre of sour milk, many millions. Most bacteria are Saprophytes or parasites. A few are autotrophic, either obtaining energy by oxidation processes or from light in the presence of bacteriochlorophyll. The activities of bacteria are of great importance. In the soil they are concerned in the decay of plant and animal tissues, making available food materials for higher plants, and certain bacteria are of particular significance in this respect in making available nitrogenous compounds. Others are sources of antibiotics, e.g. Streptomyces griseus, source of streptomycin. Bacteria also play an important part in the disposal of sewage. As agents of plant disease, bacteria are not so important as fungi, but they cause many serious diseases in animal and Man, e.g. tuberculosis, diphtheria, typhoid, pneumonia.

Bactericidal: lethal to bacteria. Bacteriology: Study of bacteria.

Bone:

Skeletal Substance peculiar to vertebrates. Consists of cells distributed in a

Biological Terminology.

Digestion:

Break down of complex foodstuffs by enzymes to simpler compounds which can be incorporated into metabolism. In many animals it is, extracellular, i.e. enzymes are secreted into gut cavity, in which digestion takes place, e.g. vertebrates, arthropods; in others it is wholly or partly, intracellular, the cell of the gut phagocytosing solid food particles, e.g. Coelenterates, lamellibranchs.

Dinosaur:

Fossil reptile belonging to one of the two orders Saurischia and Ornithischia, into which the old order Dinosauria is now split.

DNA:

Deoxyribonucleic acid, a compound consisting of a large number of nucleotides attached together in single file to form a long strand. Usually two such strands are linked together parallel to each other by base pairing, and coiled into a helix. They may be separated ('melted' or 'denatured' DNA) by heat. Each nucleotide contains the sugar deoxyribose, and one of 4 different bases, 2 pyrimidine (thymine, cytosine) and 2 purine (adenine, guanine). It is now clear that DNA is the material of inheritance of almost all living things. It has the necessary great variety of structure, produced by different arrangements of the four different nucleotides. It passes on its structure to copies of itself, probably made by separating the two strands and forming a new matching strand, by base pairing with individual nucleotides, for each of the old strands (semi-conservative replication). Its structure is also translated into the structure of protein molecules when these are synthesized, by an elaborate mechanism involving RNA. It is found mainly in the chromosomes of plants and animals and in the bacteria and viruses exclusively in corresponding structures.

Evolution:

Cumulative change in the characteristics of populations or organisms, occurring in the course of successive generations related by descent. The theory that evolution accounts for origin of all kinds of organisms now existing is opposed to the theory of special creation, i.e. that each kind of organism was created as such and is therefore not related by descent to any other.

Excretion:

Getting rid of products of metabolism (either by storing them in insoluble form, or by removing them from body). In animals particularly applies to products of protein metabolism, organs mainly concerned being kidneys of vertebrates, Malpighian tubes of insects, and probably nephridia in many other vertebrates.

Fertilization:

The union of two special cells, the 'gametes', the essential process of sexual reproduction. The resulting single cell is a 'zygote'. Fertilization has two aspects: A, fusion of two haploid nuclei which brings together in the zygote a selection of

Genes from two distinct individuals, i.e. the two parents, or from one individual in the case of self-fertilization; B, initiation of development of a new individual. In Parthenogenesis and Pseudogamy aspect 'B' occurs without aspect 'A'. External fertilization; union of gametes outside body of parents, as in many aquatic animals, e.g. Echinodermata. Internal fertilization; union of the gametes inside the female, as in most terrestrial animals (insects, tetrapods) and many aquatic animals of many different phyla. Fertilization membrane; tough membrane which appears at surface, or separates from surface, of many eggs when fertilized; in most cases it is the same as the vitelline membrane.

Fetus:

Mammalian embryo after recognizable appearance of main features of fully developed animal; in man after about two months of gestation.

Food-chain:

Chain of organisms, existing in any natural community, through which energy is transferred. Each link in the chain feeds on and obtains energy from the one preceding it and in turn is eaten by and provides energy for, the one following it. The number of links is usually 3 or 4. At the beginning of the chain are green plants, and organisms whose food is obtained by green plants through the same number of links are described as belonging to the same trophic or energy level. Thus green plants occupy level one (T_1), the 'producer' level. All other levels are 'consumer' levels. T_2 , herbivores, are primary consumers, T_3 and T_4 , smaller and larger carnivores, respectively, are secondary consumers. At each trophic level much of the energy obtained is lost in respiration and thus fewer organisms can be supported at the succeeding one. Bacteria, fungi, and some protozoa are consumers that operate in decomposition at all levels. All the food chains in a community make up the 'food-cycle' or 'food-web'.

Gamete. (germ-cell):

Reproductive cell whose nucleus and often cytoplasm fuses with that of another gamete (constituting fertilization), the resulting cell (zygote) developing into a new individual. Gametes are haploid. They are usually differentiated into female gamete (immobile, with massive cytoplasm, able to develop when stimulated, called the ovum) and male gamete (moves or is moved to female gamete, with little cytoplasm e.g. sperm of animals), one of each fusing to form the zygote. Some animal and plant species produce cells, which are also called gametes, of substantially the same kind as a female gamete of the same or related organism, but which develop into a new individual without fertilization (i.e. by parthenogenesis). Such gametes are usually diploid.

Gene. (hereditary factor):

Unit of the material of inheritance. The material of inheritance. Much of the similarity between organisms related by descent is due to their possessing similar inherited material; i.e. a complex and diverse material that gives rise to accurate copies of itself, units of which are passed from parent to offspring; which is very stable in its properties, and which profoundly influences every aspect of the organism containing it. Each individual

starts life with a set of this material received from its parent or parents. During subsequent growth (in a multicellular organism) or reproduction (when the organism is not multicellular) the material is duplicated repeatedly, with great exactness of copying (The process of, Replication); it influences the characteristics developed by the individual bearing it, so that similarity between related organisms results; and a set is handed on to each of the individual's progeny. One of the great biological discoveries of this century is that the material of inheritance is nucleic acids: a chain molecule, the links of which consists of four different nucleotides, and the complexity of which lies in the arrangement of the sequence of these nucleotides. In the majority of cases it is deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) but in some viruses Ribonucleic acid (RNA). In plants and animals the DNA is situated in the thread-like chromosomes of the nucleus (though it occurs also in some cytoplasmic structures) which contain much protein besides; in bacteria and viruses the chromosomes are simpler, consisting only of a long thread of DNA. The Gene as a Unit: the DNA occasionally undergoes a localized change in its sequence of nucleotides, known as a mutation, the changed, mutant, form then being replicated and inherited instead of the original form of the DNA. Such mutant DNA then produces a difference in certain characters of the organisms that inherit it. The results of many different mutations can be found in any large population of individuals of a species. Some of these mutations will differ from each other in that each affects a different set of characters of the individual; and when, as is possible by various methods, the approximate positions (in the set of chromosomes) of the changes in DNA that constitute these different mutations is discovered, each is found to have its own characteristic place. Of the mutations found scattered amongst the individuals of a population there will however also be some that form pairs or larger groups, in that the members of a given pair or group affect the same set of characters, but differ from each other by affecting it in different ways; and within any one of these groups the mutations turn out to have altered the DNA in nearly or quite the same relative place in the chromosomes, the short length of chromosome within which they occur being a gene. A gene, is then, a short length of a chromosome, influencing a particular set of characters in a particular way, the set of characters is affected as a whole by any mutation occurring anywhere within this length of DNA. (A gene thus defined as part of a chromosome which functions as a unit is often called a cistron).

Gene Function: How can there be such units of function within the DNA? Because each gene belonging to the large group of, structural genes, is responsible, during protein synthesis, for the exact sequence of amino-acids making up one specific kind of polypeptide chain (a protein molecule consists of one or more polypeptide chains). The set of characters influenced by one such gene is that set which is independent, directly or indirectly, on the presence of its particular protein (most proteins, being enzymes, are likely to have widespread effects). The genes of another large group, the regulative genes, produce their effects by influencing the activities of these structural genes. The DNA of an organism is then made up of a number of different genes. Each gene during growth is repeatedly exactly replicated. When a gene mutates, its changed structure is thenceforward replicated, and if it is a structural gene this leads to the production of a protein with a different sequence of amino-acids. The mutant gene and the original gene are said to be, alleles, of (or allelomorphic to) each other. All the different forms that a given gene can be changed to as a result of mutation constitute a series of alleles. Genes and chromosomes: Every cell of each individual of any plant or animal species

usually has an identical set of genes (perhaps 10,000 in *Drosophila*). Individuals of the same species differ from each other in having different members of some of the series of alleles. Each chromosome has its genes arranged in single file ('linear order') along its length. Every specimen of a particular chromosome has its genes arranged in the same characteristic order along its length. The fixed position in the chromosome (relative to other genes) always occupied by one of a series of alleles is a, locus. Only one member of a series of alleles can at any one time be present in one locus. Some genes, particularly those concerned with forming the RNA of the ribosomes are, however, repeated (reiterated) many times in identical or similar form within one set of chromosomes. Before nuclear division by Mitosis, the genes in each chromosome are replicated, and the whole chromosome becomes double. Each of the two cells resulting from mitosis receives one of the replicas and has therefore exactly the same complement of genes and chromosomes. In the body-cells of animals and higher plants chromosomes occur in pairs, the members of which ^{have} identical appearance (except sex-chromosomes). The numbers of such a pair have the same arrangement of loci; and the genes in the two corresponding loci of a pair of chromosomes may either be identical, or two different members of an allelomorphic series. If identical, the individual is said to be, homozygous, for that locus; if alleles, heterozygous. Genes and the variety of individuals: While every body-cell of a multi-cellular organism, with rare exceptions, has an identical set of genes, this is not true of the gametes produced by an individual, which are of enormous variety. A gamete, as the result of meiosis, has only one member of each pair of chromosomes. But the two members of any pair of chromosomes usually differ from each other, because some of the loci are heterozygous, so that gametes receiving different members of a pair of chromosomes will be different. Since it is a matter of chance which member of each pair of chromosomes a gamete receives, a gamete may with equal probability have any of the possible combinations of one member of each pair of chromosomes, i.e. any of 2^x combinations where x is the number of chromosome pairs. This chance distribution is known as, independent assortment. The number of different gametes produced by an individual is actually much further increased, by the phenomenon of; crossing-over; the resulting chromosomes being different, in the particular set of alleles they contain, from any possessed by the parent organism. A further, but much rarer, source of diversity in gametes is through mutation during their formation. Knowing the laws governing the distribution of the chromosomes to the gametes, and assuming that it is a matter of chance which male gamete fertilizes which female gamete, we can calculate the probable distribution of one or more alleles amongst offspring of parents of given genetic constitution. The relative proportions of different kinds of offspring resulting are the, Mendelian ratios, whose discovery in actual breeding experiments led Mendel to formulate the basic laws of inheritance. The result of the variety of gametes produced by an individual is variety of offspring produced by any pair of parents. The chance of two such offspring being genetically alike is very remote, and (barring polyembryony) probably no two individuals of a sexually reproducing population are genetically alike. This means that a great range of variation is always available for evolutionary change by natural selection. This variety depends on the genes behaving as independent units, which segregate in gamete formation. If the genetic material received by an organism from its parents really blended together, then all the gametes produced by that organism would be alike,

constituted of the same blend. All the variety within a population does not of course depend upon this diversity of chromosomal genes. Some depends on environmental differences during development of individuals. A small amount may depend on genetic material carried in cytoplasmic structures and not distributed by the segregating mechanism of the chromosomes. Differences between species are probably fundamentally of the same kind as differences within species.

Hybrid:

Plant or animal resulting from a cross between parents that are genetically unlike; often restricted to the offspring of two different species or of well-marked varieties within a species. Hybrid may be fertile (capable of producing offspring), or sterile. The more distant the genetical relationship between parents the greater is the probability that hybrids will be sterile; sterility is due to failures in pairing of chromosomes in meiosis.

Imago:

Adult sexually mature insect.

Industrial Melanism:

Occurrence of dark forms of moths in industrial districts, shown to be due to natural selection by predators of moths against a background of ~~blackened~~ blackened vegetation.

Invertebrata:

Collective term for all animals which are not members of the Vertebrata (e.g. Amoeba, sponges, jelly-fishes, worms, snails, flies, starfishes, sea-squirts).

lanugo:

Crop of very fine hair covering human foetus, which disappears before birth.

NEANDERTHAL MAN:

Homo neanderthalensis, a rather recently (perhaps 50,000 yrs ago) extinct species of hominid from Pleistocene (mainly from early part of fourth glaciation about 100,000 yrs ago). Human brain size, but heavy brow ridges, low forehead, no chin prominence, did not walk fully erect, its remains are associated with more than one culture, but particularly Mousterian, which had ritual burial of dead.

PALAEOLITHIC:

Phase of human history during which, though tools were manufactured, food was obtained solely by hunting, fishing, or collecting, with no cultivation. Lasted from at least half a million years ago up to beginning of neolithic stage about 10,000 years ago.

PALAEONTOLOGY:

Study of fossils.

PRIMATE:

A member of the PRIMATES, an order of placental mammals, containing Man, apes, and Monkeys. A primarily arboreal order, rather primitive in structure. Usually climb by grasping; nails commonly present instead of claws, and big toe and often thumb usually well developed and opposable to other digits. Tree life has also involved particularly well-developed eye-sight, often with binocular vision. Relatively large brain. First appear at beginning of Tertiary. Includes 3 sub-orders, Lemuroidea, Tarsiodea, and Anthropoidea.

Monotremata:

A sub-class of Mammalia, containing the duck-billed platypus and two

genera of Spiny anteater. live in Australia and New Guinea. A very primitive group, only distantly related to all other known mammals: from which they differ in laying eggs, and in possessing many other reptilian features. But have hair and secrete milk. Fossil history, unknown.

24-4-86.

Our earliest Ancestor, traced so far, is "APE-MAN". [Correctly called: Homo Habilis] 26-5-86.

'Ramapithecus', which existed about 9 [8-14] to 12 Million years ago.

We Humans, are not, descended from apes, though we do have a common Ancestor.

↓
Homo ERECTUS. Upright Man.

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Homo Sapiens. Wise Man.

↓
Homo Sapiens Sapiens. Modern Man.

Oligocene Age.

Between 30 and 40 Million years ago.

TERTIARY.

64 M.y.a.

Cretaceous.

136 M.y.a.

JURASSIC.

195 M.y.a. Flowering plants. Birds.

TRIASSIC.

225 M.y.a. Mammals.

PERMIAN.

280 M.y.a.

CARBONIFEROUS.

345 M.y.a. Insects. Reptiles.

DEVONIAN.

410 M.y.a. Amphibians.

SILURIAN.

440 M.y.a. Centipedes and Millipedes.

ORDOVICIAN.

530 M.y.a.

CAMBRIAN.

570 M.y.a. Spiders and Scorpions.

On 20th July, 1969, at 0300 hours, 56 minutes, 20 seconds, Central European Time. Two Astronauts, Neil Alden Armstrong and Edwin F. Aldrin, became the first men to set foot on the moon. Astonishing humanity, World-Wide.

7th June. 86:

Old Stone-age, or Palaeolithic, coincides with the geological period; Pleistocene, because it is for geologists the most recent [Pleistos] chapter in the long history of the Earth. Pleistocene, began about a $\frac{1}{2}$ Million years ago and ended, in about 10,000 bc.

First, glacial, began about 600,000 years ago.

Second, glacial, began about 500,000 years ago.

Third, glacial, began about 250,000 years ago.

Fourth, glacial, began about 120,000 years ago, and ended about 20,000 bc.

Quaternary Ice Age: 10,000 y.a.

Glacials. Interglacials.

Pluvials: Very heavy rains. Interpluvials.

Interstadials: Warm dry climate.

Glacials and Pluvials commenced and terminated very gradually and were punctuated by interstadials.

1820-1895.

17. 6. 86:

Frederick Engels:

"The 'Middle ages' depending on agriculture gave us the Baron and the Serf; the towns of the later Middle ages show us the guild-Master, and the Journey-Man and the day-labourer; the 17th Century has the Manufacturer and the Manufacturing Worker; the 19th Century has the big factory owner and the Proletarian."

'Large-scale industry': created in the steam-engine and other machines.

Serf: owning a plot of land, pays the aristocracy with some produce, or labour.

The Industrial Revolution (approx 1750-1850) gave the birth to the 'Proletariat',

Proletariat: The working class, who's livelihood depends on selling his labour-power to the Bourgeoisie.

"The Industrial Revolution: was brought about by the invention of the steam-engine, various spinning machines, the power loom, and a whole series of other mechanical devices. These machines which were very expensive and hence could be bought by big capitalists, altered the whole previous M.O.P. and ousted the former workers because machines turned out cheaper and better commodities than could the workers with their inefficient spinning-wheels, and hand looms."

18-6-1986:

Geological and Paleontological history of our Earth:

Azoic. [Without Life]. [Period.] 3,000 M.y.

Formation of The Earth's crust.

Archaozoic. [Primitive Life] [Period.] 1,000 M.y.

extensive mountain building.

Proterozoic. [Early Life]. [Period.] 600 M.y.

Earliest known life: Blue-green Algae.

Shallow Seas.

Marine Algae. Sponge Spicules.

Pre-Cambrian. [ERA.]

Cambrian. [Period.] 500 M.y.

Algae abundant. First invertebrates.

Ordovician. [Period.] 440 M.y.

Reef-building Algae and Corals.

Sponges and Molluscs abundant.

Silurian. [Period.] 400 M.y.

Tawless fishes. First land plants.

Devonian. [Period.] 350 M.y.

Bony fishes. Early seed plants.

First Amphibians. First Insects.

Palaeozoic. [ERA.]

Lower Carboniferous. Upper Carboniferous. [Period.] 270 M.y.

First Gymnosperms.

First Reptiles.

First Coniferous trees.

First Mammal-like Reptiles.

Permian. [Period.] 220 M.y.

First Mammals.

First Dinosaurs.

Formation of Pangaea.

Triassic. [Period.] 180 M.y.

Pangaea begins to break up.

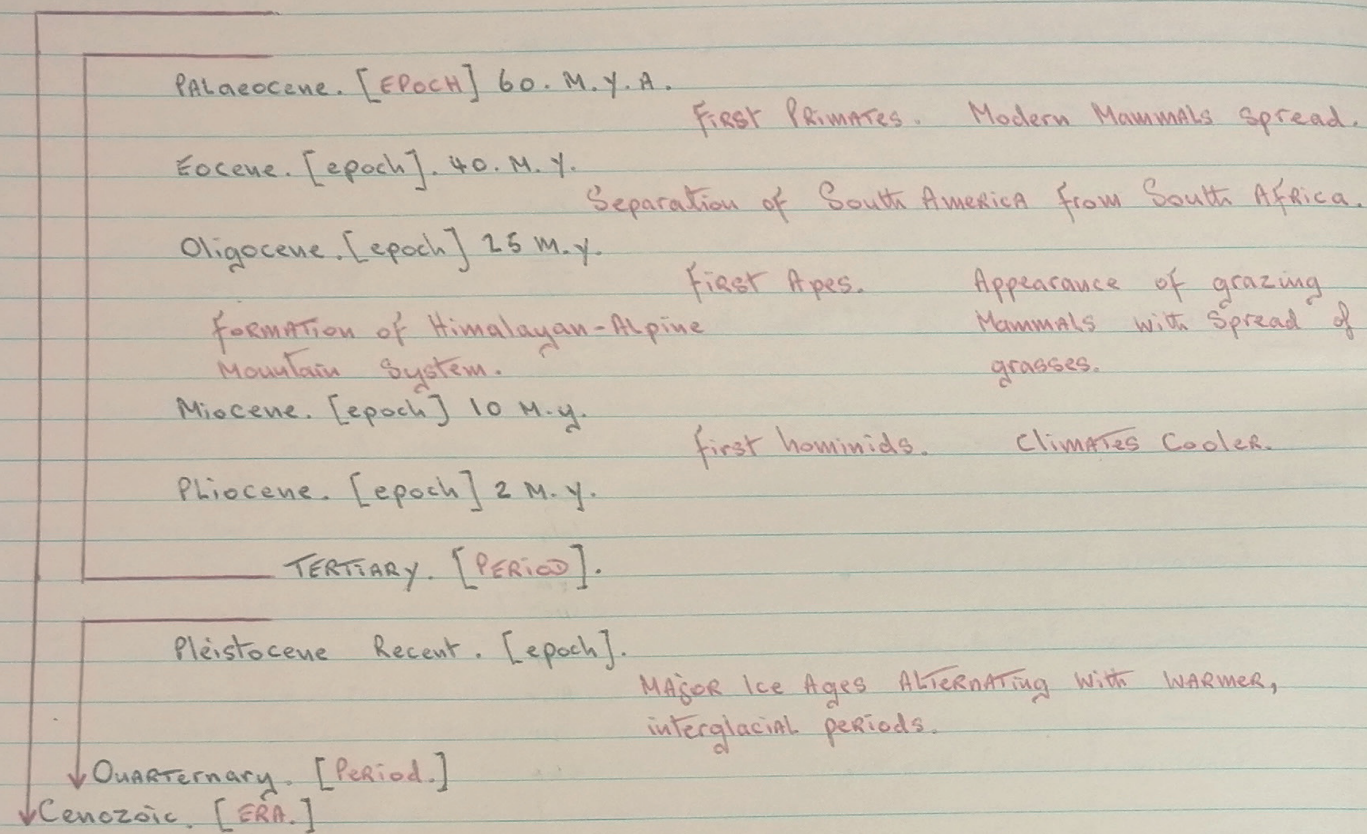
Jurassic. [Period.] 135 M.y.

Cretaceous. [Period.] 70 M.y.A.

First flowering plants. First birds.

Dinosaurs become extinct.

Mesozoic. [ERA.]



17-7-86.

MARX'S WRITINGS:

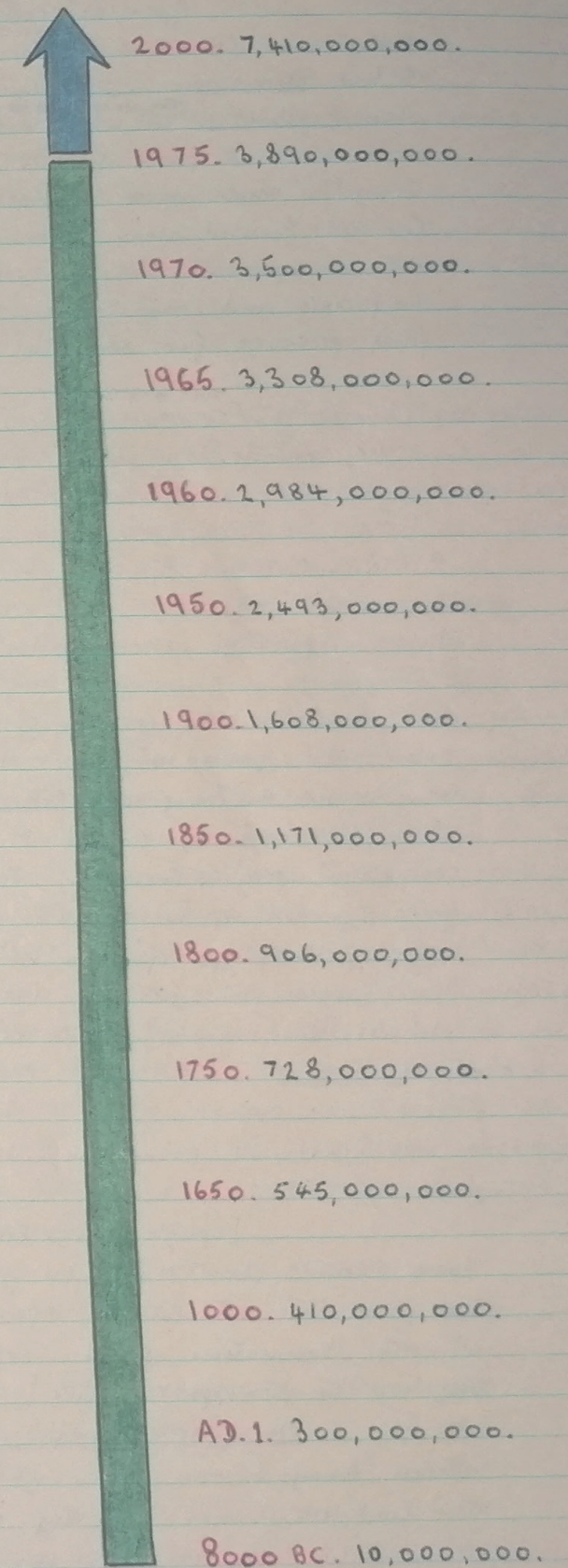
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- 1845: The Holy Family.
- 1846: The German Ideology.
- 1847: The Poverty of philosophy. ✓
- 1848: The Communist Manifesto. ✓
- 1850: Class struggles in France.
- 1852: The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte.
- 1853: Revelations on the Communist trial at Cologne.
- 1859: A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy.
- 1865: Wages, price, profit. ✓
- 1871: The Civil War in France. ✓
- 1867, 1885, 1894: Volumes 1, 2, and 3, of: Capital.

Population Explosion:

21.6.1986:

The diagram represents the growth in World population from about 8,000 years ago to the present day, and a projection of what it will be in the year 2000. Before the 'Agricultural Revolution', Man had a nomadic hunting-gathering culture.

When he learned how to farm, how to store grain, and keep meat on the hoof, the social organisation and psychological outlook changed; possessions were possible and this led to the establishment of large villages, towns and cities, eventually leading to the population explosion.



The oldest known genera with anthropoid affinities - The monkey-like Apes *Oligopithecus* and *Propliopithecus* - both arose around 30 million years ago. *Aegyptopithecus*: Probably an adoreal ape approximately 25 m. years ago.

CONCISE.

Evolution:

miocene period: age of
monkeys

PRIMATES: 70 m.y.A. Monkeys 40 m.y.A. Apes 30 m.y.A. *Dryopithecines*: Ape-like animals. 20 m.y.A. 23.6.86:

Ramapithecines: *Pigantopithecus*, *Sivapithecus*, and *Ramapithecus*. [Smallest]. could have evolved from the *dryopithecines*.

RAMAPITHECUS: Split from Apes. Beginning of human line. first Hominid.

Ape-like creature. Our Ancestor. "PITHECUS"; greek word for 'Ape'.

Ramapithecus flourished between 10 and 12 Million years ago, approx; a small creature.

It had Stereoscopic Vision. [Eyes at front of head rather than the side of the head], it was also; BRACHIATION, ^{they also developed the ability of colour vision.} the word means, using the hands to swing from branch to branch or a modified form of this; Gibbons, Siamangs, and Orangutan.

'Orangutan', whose name is MALAY, for 'PERSON of the forest'. Anyway, *Ramapithecus* favoured forested areas traversed by rivers, thus providing some open terrain. We have to speculate, that the rapidly-changing climatic conditions, which destroyed the forests and encouraged the spread of Savannas, must have applied the final pressure for adaptation to, open country. flexed hands. Bipedalism.

JUST OVER 3 MYA.

"*Australopithecus afarensis*": [THE HAZAR collection]. said to be possible 'Root stock' of *Australopithecines* and the Homo Species. But very debatable. Some people [Richard Leakey] would say 'afarensis' is two separate species.

A primitive form of Homo and an unknown *Australopithecus* species.

Australopithecus means 'Southern Ape'.

AUSTRALOPITHECUS AFRICANUS.

AUSTRALOPITHECUS BOISEI.

Homo HABILIS.

and late *Ramapithecus*:

These forms of life, are four separate creatures. 'Cousins', yes, but not descended from each other.

Homo HABILIS, [HANDY MAN], approx $1\frac{3}{4}$ M.y.a. The S. African form of *Australopithecus boisei* being named; *Australopithecus Robustus*, with a large and stocky type build.

These four creatures, lived about 2 to 3 Million years ago, and walked almost completely upright. There was also another animal which existed, approx, 9 Million years ago till up to 1 Million years ago, in Asia, called: *Pigantopithecus*, a very large gorilla type of animal.

2 m.y.A. Earliest stone tools: Stone flakes for cutting meat. Great invention. $1\frac{1}{2}$ m.y. onwards: Acheulean Technology: handaxes and cleavers. [stone knapping]. After the extinction of the *Australopithecines*, there remained on EARTH, only one, Hominid: *Homo*.

Homo ERECTUS: Skin was dark. form of spoken language. used: 'Acheulean tool technology'.

Homo ERECTUS:

[Upright Man]. Existed, approx, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Million years ago. ^[About 300,000 ya.]

Homo ERECTUS, about a Million years ago, crossed the narrow strip of arid land that joins the continent of Africa to Asia, being the Vanguard of Mankind's ultimate domination of the Earth. 'Precision grip', very advanced. Understood fire and knew how to transport water [large egg shells, etc.], thus Travel greater distances into Asia. *Homo Sapiens neanderthalensis*: whom we are not descended from, lived

between ~~30,000~~ 30,000 years ago and 100,000 years ago. These animals buried their dead, with flowers, but they became extinct around 30,000 y.a. NEANDERTAL: SUCCESSORS

EUROPE/NEAR EAST, from the later type of *Homo ERECTUS*. WASA more primitive form of our species. But distinguished from man's today. [A version of *Homo Sapiens*].

Scavenging of Carrion, collection of plant foods, led to: hunting-gathering way of life. The transition taking place probably between 1m and $\frac{1}{2}$ m.y.a.

Hunter-Gatherer: Men: hunt meat. Women children 'gather' Nuts, fruits, roots, and Berries. Everything is brought back to the Home Base, and shared. As the !Kung do today.

Homo Sapiens:

[Wise Man.] descended from 'Homo ERECTUS' and evolved, about a half a million years ago.

NOTE: It seems a fair guess that the 'Homo' line may have evolved initially as long ago as 5 m.y.a. There could have been a common hominid stock at that time, possibly *Ramapithecus* or a derivative of it, from which the emergent 'Homo' and 'Australopithecus' species could have sprung. Though, more evidence of this period is needed. It's lying out there somewhere...

Homo Sapiens Sapiens:

[Modern Man.] The refinement to *Sapiens Sapiens* was about 50,000 years ago.

Cro-Magnon Man: one of the oldest representatives of *Homo Sapiens Sapiens*, in W/Europe. 35,000 y.a. Agriculture: The spread of A took place at a rate of about 1 kilometre [half-a-mile] a year. New World and old world agriculture arose independently. NOMADIC

Before the 'Agricultural Revolution', we had the 'hunting-gathering' Society, with its division of labour: Men hunting; Women gathering, roots, plants, etc. Man, being a social animal, rather than solitary [like orangutans etc.], progressed greatly with 'cooperation', among each other. Emphasis in this 'social order' was on 'gathering', rather than hunting. Women also, learned the children, ^{USUALLY HAVE A CHILD EVERY FOUR YEARS.} and cooked. A Man being biologically suited to hunting. Though this, in no way, justifies the discrimination of women today, which is: repulsive, wasteful, and artificial, and is a product of the 'Capitalist Society'.

Anyway; the invention of agriculture 10,000 years ago was the greatest event in the history of ^{Humankind} ~~Man~~. leading then onto the population explosion, the 'Industrial Revolution' and today, in the 20th Century, the 'Technological Revolution'. Mankind has the greatest ability to learn and plan ahead than any other animal. Manipulating our environment, and advancing rapidly. We have even left the Earth and landed on the Moon! But. Sadly; the 'cooperation' has deteriorated to 'exploitation'. Mankind is causing terrible ecological damage around the world. Weapons are stock-piled which could destroy our planet many times over; Through the artificial division of people on this Earth, and imperialism, nuclear confrontation is a very real possibility. We, the people, must stop this wasteful, destructive, course. Now!!

Believed to be the world's first city: Jericho, north of the dead sea. established about 10,000 y.a.

CATAL HUYUK: ^{IN} EASTERN TURKEY, This Trading Centre goes back more than 8,000 years.

"To have arrived on this Earth as the product of a biological accident, only to depart through human arrogance, would be the ultimate irony." RML.

See some continuation of notes at close of this compilation, re the above subject.

Principal events and writings of Leon Trotsky. [From 'my life' in 1929 to his assassination in 1940]. [Since 1904 Russia had been fighting - and losing - a war with Japan for control of Manchuria.] -15th July 1986.

Trotsky: Lev davydovich Bronstein. 'Lev' means Lion.
Born: 26. October 1879.

"THE Bloody Sunday":

On Sunday 22 January 1906; great masses of workers in St Petersburg, led by the priest Gapon and carrying church banners and the portrait of the Tsar, marched to the winter palace to submit a petition in which they set forth their grievances and appealed to the Tsar to help improve their lot. Government troops; shot and sabred them, killing or wounding thousands.

"In a Society based on classes, every government rests on force" L.D.

THE TURKISH YEARS:

1929:

July: Issues first number of Russian Bulletin of the opposition [published first in Paris, then Berlin, Paris and the US], which serves to rally forces of International Left opposition [Bolshevik-Leninists], which proclaims itself a faction of Communist International, dedicated to returning it to Leninist principles and practice.

November: Completes 'The permanent Revolution'.

1930:

April: First International Conference of International Left opposition.

May: Almost a year before downfall of Spanish Monarchy and establishment of Spanish Republic, Trotsky begins writing series of articles, pamphlets and letters on problems of Spanish Revolution that he is to continue until his death. [The Spanish Revolution, 1931-39.]

September: More than two years before Hitler comes to power, Trotsky begins series of pamphlets and articles warning that Stalinists and Social Democrats in Germany are paving the way for Nazi victory [The struggle against fascism in Germany].

1931:

Publishes first volume of three-volume 'History of the Russian Revolution'.

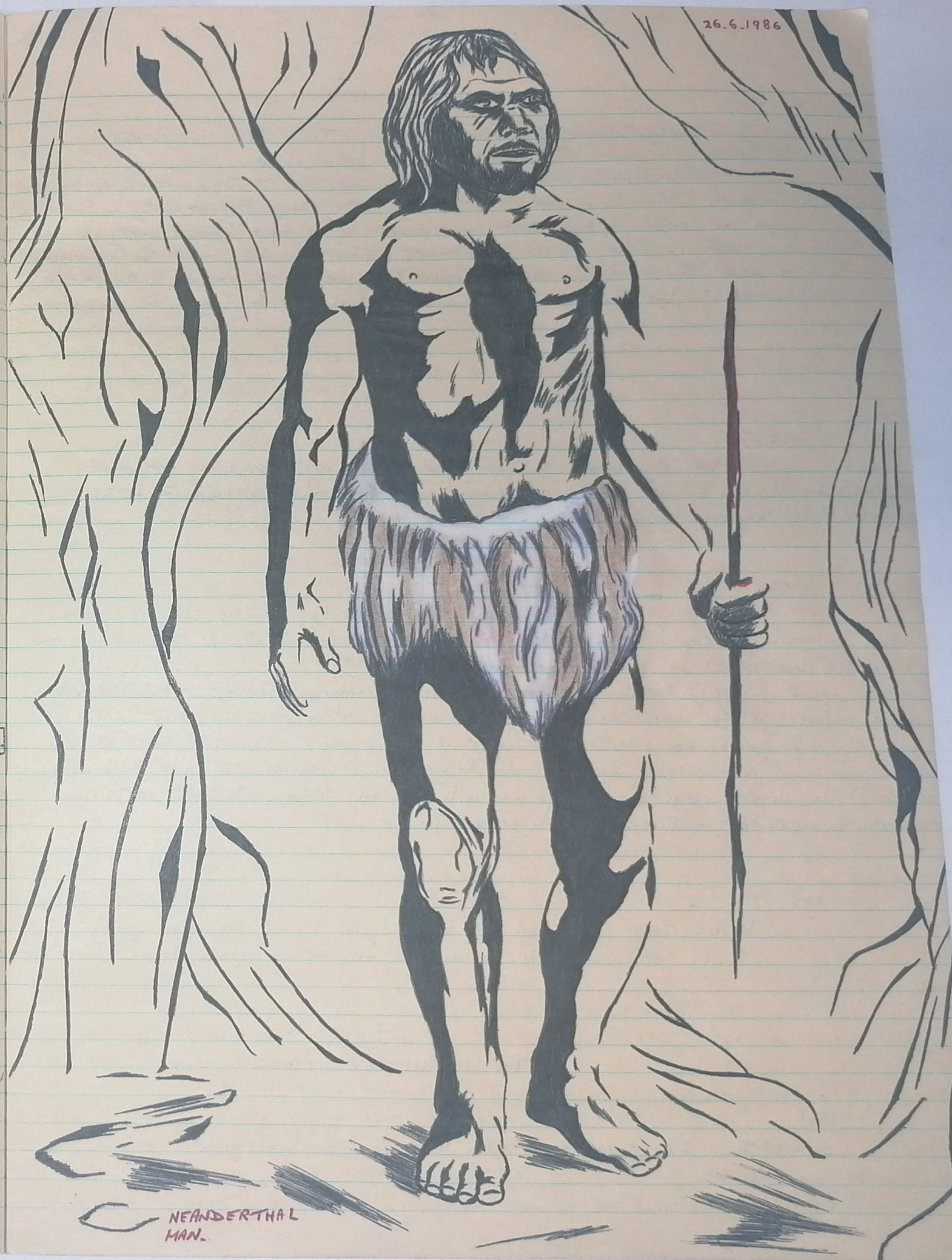
1932:

Publishes 'The Stalin School of Falsification'.

20 February: Is deprived of Soviet Nationality by Stalin Government.

November: Is permitted to visit Copenhagen to give a lecture to students, published as 'In defence of the Russian Revolution'.

June: Publishes: Problems of the Chinese Revolution.



1933:

JANUARY: Daughter Zina commits suicide in Berlin. Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany.

MARCH: After German Communist Party capitulates to Hitler without firing one shot, and Communist International approves its policy, Trotsky says Stalinist party in Germany can no longer be reformed and must be replaced by a new Leninist party.

JULY: Trotsky decides Communist International also cannot be reformed, and that a new international is needed. International Communist League [Bolshevik - Leninists] formed. **17 JULY:** Trotsky and Natalia Sedova get visa for France and leave Turkey.

THE FRENCH YEARS:

1933:

24 JULY: Arrives in France, where he is harassed by government, Stalinists, fascists and sickness. **1 OCTOBER:** Proclaims need for political Revolution to restore workers' democracy in Soviet Union.

1934:

FEBRUARY: His former friend, Christian Rakovsky, becomes last of opposition leaders in Russia to capitulate to Stalin. **FEBRUARY:** French fascist attempt to overthrow gov is defeated, but results in pushing government to the right.

APRIL: French gov issues a decree ordering Trotsky's deportation but cannot enforce it for more than a year because no other gov will accept him.

NOVEMBER: Writes first part of the collection entitled: *Whither France?*

DECEMBER: Soviet leader Sergei Kirov is assassinated, and Stalin uses occasion to launch new purge and charge opponents, including Trotsky, with terrorism. Trotsky answers in pamphlet entitled: *The Kirov assassination.*

1935:

Writes first part of his biography of Lenin; *'THE YOUNG LENIN'*.

JUNE: Gets visa from Norway and with Natalia Sedova leaves France for last time.

THE NORWEGIAN YEARS:

1935:

18 JUNE: Disembarks in Norway, where he has been granted asylum by Labour party government.

1936:

Spring: Huge strike wave in France, now governed by Leon Blum and Peoples Front. Civil war begins in Spain.

JULY: At initiative of International Communist League, first Conference for Fourth International is held in Europe.

AUGUST: Completes 'the Revolution betrayed'. Members of fascist party headed by Major Quisling break into Trotsky's home while he is out to seize documents they want to use to get him ejected from Norway. First Moscow Trial [of 16 defendants headed by Zinoviev and Kamenev] where Trotsky and son Leon Sedov are charged with conspiracy to overthrow Soviet regime. Trotsky begins to expose trial as frame-up when Norwegian gov, responding to pressure from Moscow, tries to shut him up and, failing, places him under house arrest. Minister of Justice Trygve Lie cuts Trotsky off from rest of world.

11 DECEMBER: Trotsky at last has chance to defend himself in court, but Trygve Lie has arranged it so that neither press nor public can be present to hear him.

19 DECEMBER: Norwegian government puts Trotsky and Natalia Sedova on a tanker bound for Mexico.

THE MEXICAN YEARS:

1937:

9 JANUARY: Disembarks in Mexico, where he has been granted asylum by the gov of Lázaro Cárdenas. **JANUARY:** Second Moscow Trial [of 17 defendants headed by Radek and Pyatakov] begins; now Trotsky and Leon Sedov are charged with being agents of fascism. Trotsky is able to refute charges in world press; son Sergei is arrested in Soviet Union, later to die in concentration camp. **9 FEBRUARY:** prepares talk by phone to New York meeting, offering to turn himself over to Moscow if an international commission of inquiry finds him guilty of any charges in Moscow trials. Talk cannot be heard, but appears as pamphlet, *'Stake My Life.'*

10-17 APRIL: Testifies before commission of inquiry headed by John Dewey. Transcript of hearings is published under title: *THE CASE OF LEON TROTSKY.*

SEPTEMBER: Dewey Commission finds Trotsky and son not guilty of charges in first two Moscow trials and pronounces them frame-ups.

1938:

16 FEBRUARY: Leon Sedov dies under mysterious circumstances in Paris hospital; evidence accumulates that it was a GPU killing. Trotsky writes 'Leon Sedov - Son, Friend, Fighter' and dedicates, 'Their Morals and Ours', to his son.

MARCH: Third Moscow Trial [of 21 defendants headed by Bukharin, Rykov, and Rakovsky] is staged; Trotsky exposes trials, falsifications and contradictions.

APRIL-MAY: Defends Mexican government's expropriation of imperialist oil holdings. Holds discussions with Americans on programme for the Fourth International, leading to his writing of: *THE DEATH AGONY OF CAPITALISM* and *THE TASKS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL [THE TRANSITIONAL]*

program for Socialist Revolution].

June-July: In Collaboration with André Breton and Diego Rivera L.D writes Manifesto on Revolutionary art [in Leon Trotsky on literature and art].

July: Rudolf Klement, former Secretary of Trotsky, helping to organise the founding conference of fourth International, is kidnapped in Paris by GPU and murdered.

September: fourth International holds founding conference in Europe. Munich Crisis leads to Hitler's dismemberment of Czechoslovakia with agreement of England and France; Trotsky analyses crisis and nature of coming war in 'A Fresh Lesson' [Writings of Leon Trotsky, 1938-39].

1939:

March: Writes: 'MARXISM in our time', printed as introduction to 'THE Living Thoughts of KARL MARX' [Pathfinder Press, New York, 1970].

April: Engages in 3 discussions on the nature of the Afro-American struggle [later collected in 'Leon Trotsky on Black Nationalism and Self-determination'].

22 August: Stalin and Hitler sign a pact, as Trotsky had predicted.

September: Second World War begins. A struggle breaks out in Socialist Workers Party over whether fourth International should continue to defend Soviet Union against imperialism; Trotsky's writings on this and related disputes are collected in: In defense of MARXISM.

1940:

24 May: GPU forces lead by painter David Alfaro Siqueiros break into Trotsky home at night, attempting to machine-gun Trotsky and family but failing; they kidnap and kill an American guard, Robert Sheldon Hart.

May: Emergency conference of fourth International meets in New York and adopts manifesto, written by Trotsky, opposing imperialist war and reaffirming fourth International position on Soviet Union. [In Writings of Leon Trotsky, 1939-40.].

20 August: An agent of GPU drives pickaxe into Trotsky's brain.

21 August:

Trotsky dies. Important unfinished work: STALIN - AN APPRAISAL OF THE MAN AND HIS INFLUENCE.

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Religion:

Combination of beliefs and cult-practices which subordinates human life to a divine Super-order. ^{An evolution from primitive superstition to one central concept of god.} It appears in history as a form of oppression of the people by the ruling class. Marxism sees in Religion the exploitation of human ignorance and credulity. Even Religion had to invent some kind of Science for itself, to justify its existence, so; 'Theology' = The philosophy of divinity. Pseudo-Science which seeks to give foundation to religion, by borrowing from philosophical argumentation. The first thing religion invented was a faith in the 'beyond', the after-life. The Egyptians were the first to fall for it: Men were created by OSIRIS and must obey his will on this Earth. They must put up with Slavery in the hope that, if they behave well, a better After-life awaits them in the next world, no more Slavery, only eternal bliss... The philosophical Ideas of Man are of two kinds: Idealist and Materialist. Idealism starts by assuming the existence of Super-natural and divine force. Idealism doesn't offer proofs for what it proposes. Idealists explain things to themselves through religion. Materialism considers that there is nothing beyond natural things. Materialism doesn't idealise, but seeks the Scientific explanations of things, including even, Religion. Materialists explain what's what, on the basis of Science. ok.

Renaissance:

When first-rate Minds suddenly flowered. The victory of Mind over darkness: DANTE. PETRARCH. DAVINCI. ERASMUS. LUTHER. VICO. COPERNICUS. GALILEO. KEPLER. NEWTON. BACON. GIORDANO BRUNO, etc. All of them are guided by one idea: Seek the truth independently of the church and religion.

METAPHYSICS:

[From the Greek, ta meta ta physika: those works of Aristotle after his 'physics'.] Metaphysical method affirms that things and their mental reflection [i.e. concepts] are essentially discrete, unchanging, petrified, given once for all, and can thus be investigated separately, independently one from the other. Metaphysics say in principle that nature is at rest, immobile, unchanging and unmoving. It considers the process of development uniquely on a quantitative and not qualitative level. Politically, the stance is one that denies class struggle and tries to show that the transition from capitalism to Socialism can be realised without violent rupture, by peaceful fusion of capitalism with Socialism.

Price:

What determines the price of any product is competition, or, more exactly, 3 kinds of Competition: A. Seller versus Seller.
B. Purchaser versus purchaser.
C. Seller versus purchaser.

THE LAW of Supply and demand.

The growth of human power over nature finds its expression in the development of the productive forces of Society. The transmutation of economic-social forces through-out history is, above all, a change from certain kinds of productive 'Modes' and 'relations' towards other more progressive ones. Such change is the necessary effect, the cause of which are the laws to which Social productive forces everywhere submit. Discovery of the real basis of Life and Social development [Material production] allows one to see for the first time the importance of the creative spirit of the masses. Great Men were not the ones alone to make history, but the workers, the real prime movers of the production process, those who accomplished the material tasks necessary for Social subsistence.

MATERIALISM. [Mechanistic.] :

Early form of Materialism which sought to explain all natural phenomena by Mechanical means laws. It considers motion not as change in general but as the mechanical displacement of bodies in space due to external influences; the mere collision of 2 entities. MM denies the spontaneous movement of bodies, their qualitative change, the development by leaps, the passage from inferior to Superior.

NEGATION of NEGATION:

The law of the negation of negation is fundamental to dialectics. Every phenomenon, because internally contradictory, contains in itself its own proper negation. [or its own opposite.] Thus, within it unfolds the conflict between what was and what is becoming between old and new. Negation of the past state is not, however, a pure or vain negation, a simple annulment of everything which has been [as Metaphysics thinks]. "Negation, in dialectics, does not signify merely saying NO, or simply saying something does not exist, or destroying it in some manner". Engels. Dialectics demands "demonstration of the relation between the negative and the positive: so as to encounter the positive in the negative". Lenin. Communism, thus, declares that everything positive has been created by humanity; even what was obtained under the yoke of capitalism. This is the positive in the negative. Communist Society, in its turn, is the negation of the exploitative class regime, i.e. the negation of the negation.

PHILOSOPHY:

[From the greek, phillos: love, friend, and Sophia: Science or wisdom]. In DM, the Science of the most general laws of nature, human Society and thought. The fundamental problem of philosophy is that of the relation between existence and thought. To find the answer, all philosophical tendencies divide up into two camps: Materialist and idealist.

State:

Political organisation of the economically dominant class, having as its aim the defence of the existing economic order; but also the annihilation of the resistance put up against it by other classes. "The State is a machine to maintain the domination of one class over another". Lenin. The state is an organ of class rule, ok.

THESIS, ANTITHESIS, SYNTHESIS:

[From the greek: Affirmation, Negation, Union.] Every process of development, according to Hegel passes through these three stages. Each stage refutes the one before, and the last reunites in itself the dominant features of the first two, hence its name, Synthesis. This is the 'Surface' aspect of dialectics. posing itself, opposing itself, composing itself. or: Affirming itself, Negating itself, Negating its negation.

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GREAT; PHILOSOPHERS:

claude Henri 1760-1825. Aristocratic: Saint-Simon. Utopian Socialist. his theory had no Scientific basis, and did not acknowledge the class struggle.	francois Marie charles french Fourier. utopian Socialist. Poet. 1772-1837.
Adam Smith. David Ricardo. English Men. Economic Theories.	Berkeley.
Locke.	Diderot.
Botkin, BAKUNIN. ANARCHISTS.	Schelling.
AVERROËS.	Fichte.
Avicenna.	Thomas of Aquino.

DEMOCRITUS: 400 BC.

"Cosmic substance is made up of an infinite number of elements or particles physically invisible, indistructable and infinite, which vary in size and shape, and are in eternal motion." He was talking about 'ATOMS', 400 bc and 2400 years before Einstein.

Robespierre: [Maxmillen].

"The greater ones power, the freer and more rapid his action".
He was Guillotined with 19 of his followers, on the 28th July. 1794.

Epicurus: 342-270 BC.

Greek Materialist philosopher, teacher and follower of Democritus.

PLATO: 427-347 BC.

Used the 'dialogue' form to express his ideas. In this way he posed the 3 most basic questions of philosophy: How can man discover the truth?

What is the origin of the Universe?

What is the purpose of Human life?

The answers Plato gave to these questions laid the foundations of a system of philosophy called: **Objective Idealism**, according to which all things are the mere shadows of ideas. Ideas are eternal, while things are transitory. Plato believed in God.

Horses don't exist; what alone exists is the idea we have of Horses.

Later on Plato's ideas were used to prop up the doctrine of the immortality of the Soul and the sinful nature of the flesh, that is, of 'Matter'.

ARISTOTLE:

[Greek]. A genius. He wrote on physics, metaphysics, ethics, politics, philosophy, biology, zoology...

A tireless Scientist. He realised that Social Conflicts arise from the inequality in economic and social conditions. Though it's also true that he gave his ox to slavery because it was "necessary" to Society. He found Plato's ideas crap, and believed the Senses as the only sources of truth. The goal of life was happiness.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau: 1712-78.

[French enlightenment.]

ANAXAGORAS:

"The Sun is a Mass of fire and Stone" and not a 'God'. He was persecuted for making this accurate observation.

David Ricardo: 1772-1823.

Englishman.

SOCRATES:

Was always joking about things, Gods, Governments, philosophers, etc. He was short, bald, fat, wrinkled, and really untidy. He denied Morality as a synonym for religion. Socrates ended up being accused of corrupting the youth, of attacking institutions, of atheism, lack of morals etc. **DEATH PENALTY:** Which he accepted by drinking poisonous hemlock from a big cup. But, inbetween sips, he went on talking calmly to his disciples...

Averroës and Avicenna:

Refuted the bible as false, or at best as "Symbolic tales meant for ignorant folk".

THOMAS of Aquino:

He wrote 21 volumes, to defend the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church.

Diderot:

[among others], came to the conclusion that the Universe and Humanity had always been the same. Neither had ever undergone evolutions, but both went on repeating themselves in the same 'cycles' of life and death. Metaphysical / Mechanistic concepts.

Machiavelli: 1469-1527 AD.

Was the first to come along and attack the church and preach rebellion, against the dictatorship of the clergy. Then the Renaissance, the counter-attack of Reason and Science.

Giordano Bruno: [c.1548-1600.]

A dominican Monk and Galileo's contemporary; renounced obedience to his order to follow the pantheistic doctrine whereby god and nature are considered as the active and passive elements of reality. Prisoner of the Inquisition, he refused to recant and was burned alive at the stake in the year 1600.

SPINOZA: "BARUCH": 1632-77.

Jewish-dutch philosopher. Denied the existence of God as creator of nature. Considered that God was nature itself. By thus calling nature god, he explained that NATURE was its own cause. He continued the Rationalism of Descartes, although his system was Monist: a system in which thought originates in nature. Lived a lonely life. He proclaimed: Man is free to think and believe as his reason tells him. God doesn't exist as religion preaches, but, Spinoza affirmed, only as an impersonal and spiritual "Principle", as a substance which constitutes the reality of the Universe. [Pantheism believes everything is God]. That's why Spinoza lived in poverty, polishing eye-glass lenses for a living.

Philolaus, of Tarentum:

Greek philosopher. First person in recorded history to suggest that the Earth was not flat, but was a Sphere. This suggestion was put forward in 450 BC. The same year that Democritus put forward the theory of Atoms.

René Descartes: 17th century.

"All things we can conceive of clearly and distinctly, exist." The Cartesian System, "I think, therefore I am", was part Materialist, part idealist. He believed the human being was only a machine, but with a soul; and he even located it specifically: The soul was hidden in the pineal gland inside the brain. Descartes introduces us to a mechanistic concept of the world.

François-Marie Arouet de Voltaire: 1694-1778.
French.

Vico Giambattista: 1688-1744.

[Neapolitan]. A philosopher. Author of the "Principles of new Science concerning the common nature of the Nations". The history of Mankind passes through three stages which correspond to the 3 stages of human life: Infancy, Adolescence, and Adulthood. or: 1. the state of barbarism and patriarchy of Man the Hunter, governed by magic. 2. The state of feudalism with a minority of lords and a majority of slaves. 3. The "new" state; The adulthood of humanity. Vico maintained this, despite feudalism all around him; and he spoke of an evolution of Society towards democracy through class struggle.

John Locke:

Materialist-Atheist. Englishman. Opposed the "divine right" of Kings, the infallibility [absolute truth] of religion and the dogmas of the church. He said: "No Man has the right to more than another, because we are all equal, of the same species and condition, equal amongst ourselves, with equal right to enjoy the fruits of nature". He had the idea that Man could think of God in their own way, and not as any religion told them to.

George Berkeley:

An Anglican bishop. Idealist philosopher. Who tried to refute Locke's theories.

David Hume: 1711-1776.

English bourgeois philosopher, historian and economist. As an Agnostic [being someone who defends the idea that nothing is certain] he reckoned insoluble the problem of the existence or non-existence of objective reality. He affirmed that we cannot know what things are in themselves and whether they exist or not. Denying the material basis of things and causality, Hume concluded that what alone exists is a flux of psychological perception in human consciousness, and that Science leads only to the simple description of this current, with little possibility either of understanding or of conceiving its laws. Hume scandalized all of Britain with his anti-religious ideas, and so he

had to pack up for France, which received him a lot more warmly.

Empiricism, of Locke, Berkeley, and Hume.

Immanuel Kant: 1724-1804.

German. As the exact opposite, of 17 century philosopher [materialist], an Idealist variety now arose, and its great champion was Kant. His most talked about work is the "Critique of pure Reason". Which cost him 15 years of critical analysis of human thought. He said, "every intent, whether Scientific or religious, to define reality is nothing other than pure hypothesis" and, "Every attempt to apprehend transcendental knowledge is vain, since for every thesis the mind produces, one can oppose an equally valid anti-thesis". Also, "it is impossible to prove the existence of God through any normal means". Kant attempted to reconcile Materialism and idealism.

"When Kant admits that a certain 'thing-in-itself', outside us, must correspond to our representation of it, then he is a Materialist. When he declares it impossible to know this 'thing-in-itself', he becomes an Idealist". Lenin. As Kant himself declares, the central problem of his theory of knowledge is to define the limits to the laws of reason, while still retaining a place for God beyond such limits. In his doctrine of ethics, Kant believes it 'necessary' to recognise the existence of God and the souls' immortality, so as to maintain a basis for morality.

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel: 1770-1831.

German philosopher, Idealist dialectician. Wants to make religion into a kind of Science. Hegel himself was a respected civil servant of the Prussian Government. Nature; according to Hegel, does not develop across time, but varies eternally only in space. The most valuable part of idealist Hegelian philosophy is the dialectical method it employs; that ideas develop from dialectical contradictions; that transformations from quantity to quality have their origin in this development, that truth is concrete, that the developmental process of human society is realised by its submission to laws and not by chance or under the pressure of oversized personalities. yet, Hegel was pusillanimous and inconsistent: He bowed before the Prussian feudal Monarchy, and minimized the extremes of his dialectical positions out of fear and self-interest. For Hegel, Thought creates Reality. The opposite for Marx: Ideas are nothing more than matter absorbed and transformed by human thought.

Robert Owen: 1771-1858. English.

William Thompson: [c.1785-1833]. Irish economist.

Ludwig Feuerbach: 1804-72.

One of the major German materialists who proclaimed and defended atheism and influenced the founders of Marxism. Feuerbach, however, remains idealist in his concept of social phenomena. Neglecting the material basis of Society, he distinguished the successive stages of human development according to the different forms of religious consciousness. Feuerbach did not grasp the importance of practical revolutionary action, or the dialectical interaction between man and nature and the transformation of humanity in the process of production.

Louis-Auguste Blanqui: 1805-1887.

A partisan of class war and armed revolution who spent 33 years of his life in Carl. French Socialist. He first spoke of the dictatorship of the proletariat, even if it was a minority one, and not as Marx argued, in the Majority.

Proudhon: 1809-1865. Pierre-Joseph.

French. Anarchist and Syndicalist, but despite this, anti-feminist and an avowed enemy of women's liberation from domestic slavery. "Property is Theft".

Blanc: 1811-1882.

French. Workers' leader, theorist of election based, legislative Socialism, not the violent Revolutionary kind. His most famous saying is: from each according to his ability, to each according to his need.

Karl Marx: 1818-1883.

A Teutonic Genius.

Frederick Engels: 1820-1895.

"Freedom" Engels says, "consists of a domination over self and external nature; a domination based on the knowledge of the necessities of Nature. Consequently, freedom is conscious necessity. Without an understanding of necessity, real liberty is unattainable".

VENUS: EARTH'S first Colony in Space?

28. July. 1986:

Venus, we now believe, has an atmospheric pressure more than 100 times that of Earth. Its atmosphere is composed largely of carbon dioxide, and the Sun's light is constantly obscured by clouds of Sulfuric acid. The temperature reaches 500°C . Yet Venus is the most likely objective of Earth's space colonization plans.

By about 2080, Man will have the technology to send spacecraft into orbit around Venus. These craft will fire rockets into the scorching atmosphere; rockets packed with some of Earth's most primitive life forms, blue-green algae. The rockets will then explode before crashing and scatter the algae into the clouds of Sulfuric acid.

Scientists believe that, warmed by the Sun, the algae will then begin to consume the carbon dioxide in the Venusian atmosphere, at the same time releasing

oxygen as a waste product. As the carbon dioxide is consumed, more heat will escape from the "Greenhouse" atmosphere of the planet. As temperatures fall, the water vapor in the clouds will condense and fall as rain. In time, the clouds will roll away and the Sun will shine fully onto Venus, at last. Later, the surface should cool sufficiently to support other plant, and even animal life, transported from Earth. If the Scientists are right, Venus could become Earth's first colony in space.

PIONEER 10:

launched in 1972. It passed Mars and Jupiter, which deflected its path and swung it out of our solar system. It will continue to travel for 2,000,000 years before approaching the star 'Aldebaran', and for 10,000,000,000 years before entering the planetary system of another star. Unless it is intercepted earlier, by space travellers.

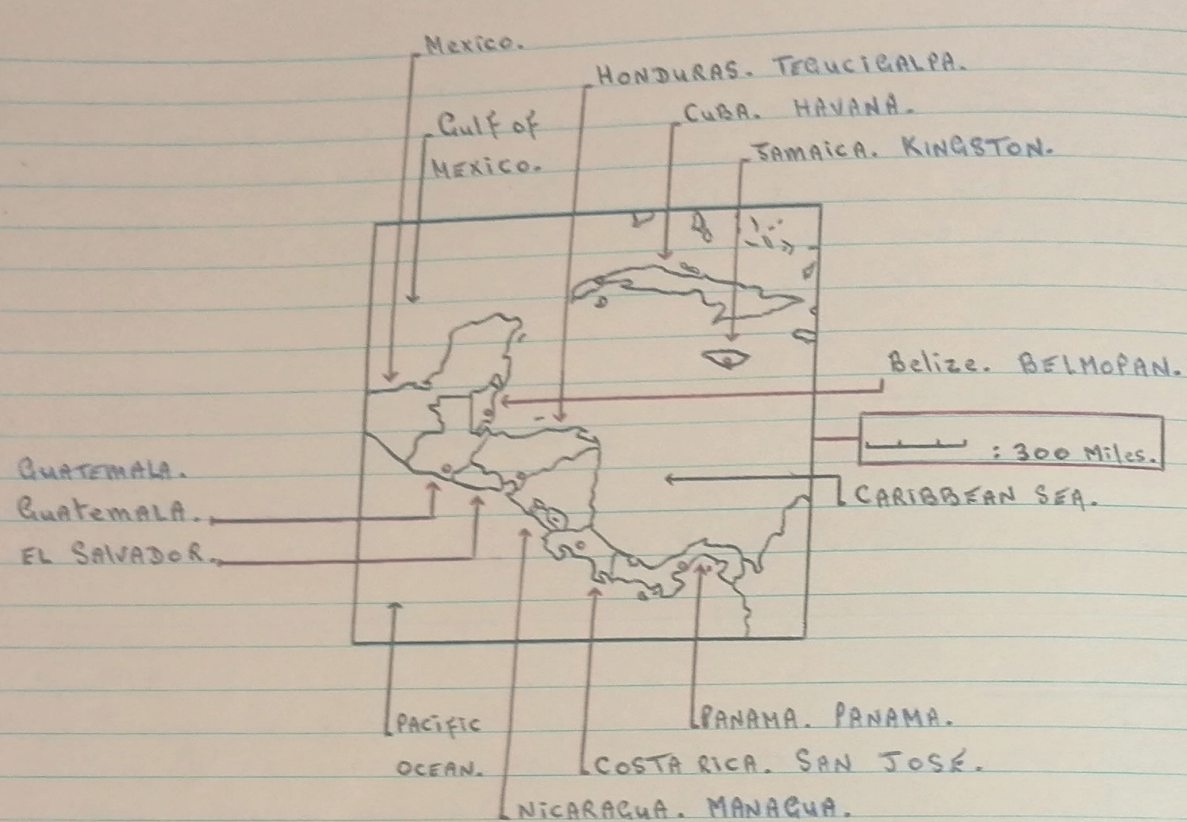
THE CHARTIST Movement:

2. August. 1986:

The chartists were participants in the political movement of the British workers which lasted from the 1830's to the middle of the 1850's and had as its slogan the adoption of a 'People's Charter', demanding universal franchise and a series of conditions guaranteeing voting rights for all workers. Lenin defined chartism as the worlds: "first broad, truly mass and politically organized proletarian Revolutionary Movement". The decline of the Chartist Movement was due to the strengthening of Britain's industrial and commercial monopoly and the bribing of the upper stratum of the working class [the "labour aristocracy."] by the British bourgeoisie out of its super-profits. Both factors led to the strengthening of opportunist tendencies in this stratum as expressed, in particular, by the refusal of the trade union leaders to support Chartism. The Chartist movement consisted of many Irish men.

THE CORN LAWS:

The Corn laws were repealed in June 1846. Enforced since 1816 in the interests of the big landowners, these laws imposed high tariffs on grain imports for limiting or banning them, and led to a struggle between the industrial bourgeoisie and the landed aristocracy. Their repeal and the resultant fall in grain prices lowered living expenses to some extent, but ultimately decreased workers' wages and increased capitalist profits. A heavy blow to the landed aristocracy, the Corn Law Repeal speeded up capitalist development in England.



11. Aug. 86:

Underwater Rockets: Trident.

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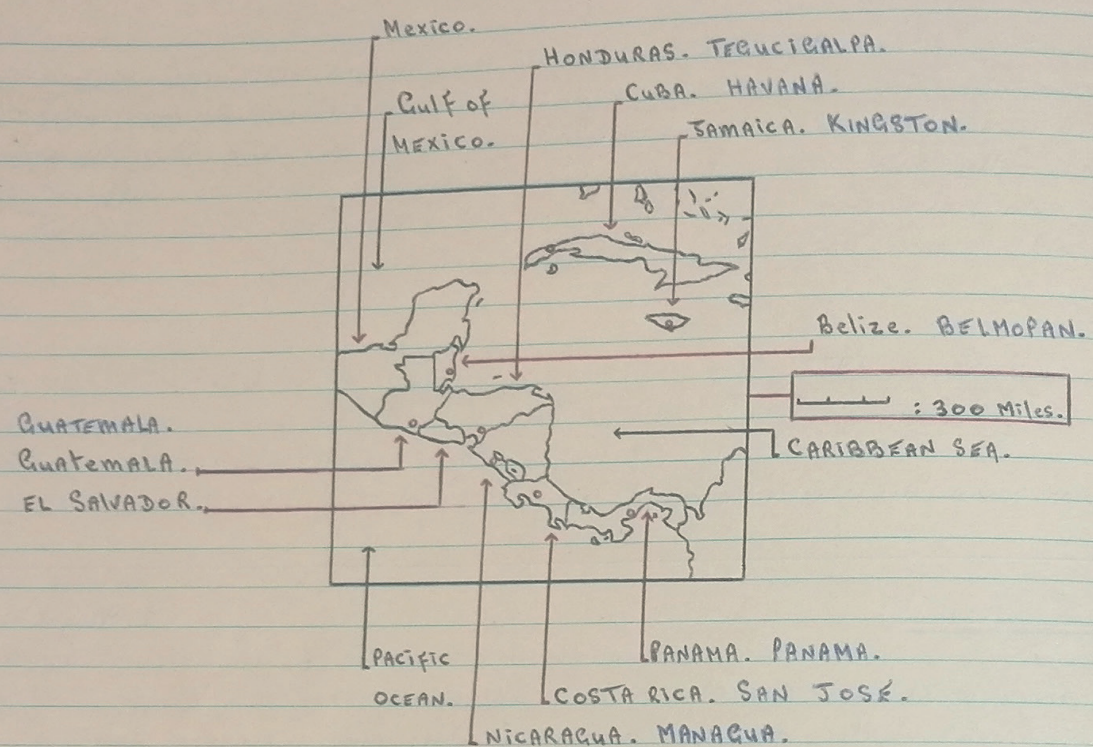
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George JACKSON: BLACK PANTHER.

On 13th January 1970 in Soledad prison, a white guard shot, and killed, three Black prisoners. Later in the prison, a white guard was found, beaten to death. George Jackson, and two other Black men, were charged with his murder. Becoming known as: 'The Soledad Brothers'.

In August 1970, George's brother, Jonathan Jackson, aged 17, stormed in and died trying to free him. Just over a year later, Stephen Bingham, a young white well-to-do lawyer, is said to have smuggled a gun into San Quentin prison, to George Jackson. Shortly afterwards, 21st August 1971, George, aged 29, 3 prison guards, and 3 'Trustees', were dead. Gunned down. In what the prison alleged was an "escape attempt".

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"We come into the world with the potential to lead any one of a thousand life-styles. But we lead one that is shaped by the Cultural traditions into which we were born."

RICHARD LEAKEY.

20. Aug. 86:

George JACKSON: BLACK PANTHER.

On 13th JANUARY 1970 in Soledad prison, A white guard shot, and killed, Three Black prisoners. Later in the prison, a white guard was found, beaten to death. George Jackson, and two other Black men, were charged with his murder. Becoming known as: 'The Soledad Brothers'.

In August 1970, George's brother, Jonathan Jackson, aged 17, stormed in and died trying to free him. Just over a year later, Stephen Bingham, a young white well-to-do lawyer, is said to have smuggled a gun into San Quentin prison, to George Jackson. Shortly afterwards, 21st August 1971, George, aged 29, 3 prison guards, and 3 'Trustees', were dead. Gunned down. In what the prison alleged was an "escape attempt".

The next day, 26 prisoners, brought a petition before the Supreme court accusing the authorities of conspiring to have Jackson killed. Stephen Bingham, disappeared. 13 years later, he gave himself up, and was charged with Murder.

31. Oct. 1986.

Irish history. 1916:

- 3. May. P. H. Pearse, Mac Donagh, and Clarke, were shot at dawn in a yard at Kilmainham gaol.
- 4. May. Joseph Plunkett, Edward Daly, Michael O'Hanrahan, and William Pearse, were shot dead.
- 5. May. John Mac Bride, shot dead.
- 8. May. Cornelius Colbert, Eamonn Ceannt, Michael Mallin, and Seán Houston, were shot.
- 12 May. James Connolly, Seán Mac Dermott, shot dead.
- 3 Aug. Roger Casement. hanged.

'Augean stable'.

8. Nov. 1986.

Augean stable, means a place, marked by a staggering accumulation of corruption, and filth. According to a Greek legend, the stable of Augeas, was left unclean for thirty years, until Hercules cleaned it, in one day.

11. Nov. 1986.

The era of the Industrial Revolution, when the domestic industries we had inherited from the Middle Ages, were finally replaced by the factory system of Modern Times.

The warping frame, invented by Arkwright in 1769.

The Spinning Jenny, patented by Hargreaves in 1770.

Crompton's Mechanical Mule, introduced in 1779

And the application in 1788, of the steam engine, to blast furnaces.

The power loom, came into general use, about 1813.

James Connolly.

Steam engine. Invented by Watt in 1776.

Trotsky, Russia:

11. Dec. 86. H5. D. Wing.

lev davydovich brownstein:

Trotsky was born on the 26th Oct [8 Nov in the new style Calendar] 1879, in Yanovka. A village in the Southern Russian province of Kherson. His father was a reasonably well off Jewish ~~father~~ farmer. Only on the Southern Steppe were Jewish farmers treated somewhat reasonably, and equally. Trotsky was the Revolutionist closest to Lenin. Lenin called him: "The ablest man in the party". But it was Stalin, not Trotsky, who rose to power after Lenin's death. Stalin tried everything to make Trotsky disappear from 'official' Soviet history.

The year of Trotsky's birth saw the Narodnik movement begin its offensive, against the Tsarist autocracy. Narodniks believed that Russia could bypass western capitalism by creating a Socialism based on peasant revolution, or 'fashen'. In March 1881 Narodnik activists killed the Tsar. Repression was severe.

At the age of ten, Trotsky was packed off to study in Odessa. Here he discovered books and Italian opera. "A well-written book in which one can find new ideas, and a good pen with which to communicate one's own ideas to others, for we have always been and are today the most valuable and intimate products of culture" from 'My Life'. Trotsky.

In summer, the teen-aged lev, now well-dressed and wearing glasses, would return to his father's farm - where

27. Feb. 86.

Trotsky, Russia:

he looked, and felt, out of place. He got "all excited and used harsh words" because the peasants did not accept that geometry was a quicker and better method to measure a Trapezoidal field. He was quick-tempered, arrogant, and a stubborn believer in intellectual solutions.

Trotsky's studies next took him to Nikolaev, a small sea-port town. Here, in 1896 he attends a Socialist discussion circle which met in an orchard. Alexandra Sokolovskaya, a Marxist, was invited to the circle. She argued in favour of proletarian Socialism against all varieties of Narodnik peasant Socialism. Trotsky defended the Narodniks. Trotsky learns how to make propaganda, which is vital.

With Alexandra's brother, Gregory, and other friends, Trotsky begins clandestine activity and organises the Southern Russian Workers Union in 1897. The Tsarist police quickly hit back in 1898. Lev was arrested and placed in solitary confinement. "There were times when I was sick with loneliness..." To while away the time he composed revolutionary limericks. They were never published. In a two-year spell in prison Trotsky read Voltaire, Kant, and especially Darwin. "Darwin's description of the way in which the pattern on the peacock's feathers formed itself naturally, banished forever the idea of the Supreme Being from my mind" But Darwin himself was not an atheist; or was he... Trotsky is sentenced to four years' deportation in Siberia. In prison he marries his old sparring partner, Alexandra. They go to Siberia.

In the arctic wastelands, 1902, Trotsky receives Lenin's book 'What is to be done?' and some copies of it. In the book, Lenin argues against all notions of workers being spontaneously capable of overthrowing their oppressors. Workers may develop trade unions; but that won't automatically make them political revolutionaries.

Tribute to a Comrade. By J.G.

20. Nov. 1986.

The wind it blew cold that October
as I watched the sad cortege depart,
And I knew the bright Sunshine of Springtime
ne'er would ease the dead chill in my heart.
As I slowly came down from that chapel
and we went, oh, so slow, to his grave.
'Twas for us this great lover of Mankind,
for us always, his lifetime he gave.

His brilliance shone forth like the morning
As he rose up to champion the weak,
And our jailers in this island dungeon
cowered when Costello dared all to speak.
For his was the voice of the worker,
and justice for all was his creed.
And he told us: "Arise in your greatness",
and conquer their world full of greed.
No bigot's, nor hate, can divide us,
When you fight for the flag of the free.
Not murder or armies defeat us, when
we strike out for men's liberty.

And his voice it came back from the coffin,
as I shouldered it close to my cheek:
Go on - ever onward my comrades,
till we build up that Nation we seek,
and no power in this world here can stop you,
The assassin has failed, can't you see.
Remember as you bury my body, My Spirit as always is free,
and I stride along there beside you,
as you march on to man's destiny.
And remember I was happy to trade it, My life for your liberty.

It was cold when we buried that hero.
And many's the heart cried with pain,
For we knew as we buried Seamus Costello, we'd not see his likes e'er again.
But his words seemed to ring in the morning
as we slowly departed his grave:
Remember, you were born to be free men,
not quivering, not lackey, not slave.
And my work in this life was an honour,
so take up my struggle with pride.
Doing that, this cold day is beaten,
and I, Seamus Costello, have not died...

Trotsky, Russia:

Trotsky's writings on politics, art, and science appear under the name Antidoto [antidote in Italian]. His writing fame earns him the nickname Pero, 'the pen'. But he's impatient. In 1902 he says farewell to Alexandra and their two daughters born in Siberia, and escapes. He needs a false name in case he's caught and questioned. He chooses the first name that enters his head: Trotsky. The name of a screw in Odessa prison. On an October dawn in 1902 Trotsky knocks at the door of 30 Hatford Square, near Kings Cross Station in Northern London. Inside Lenin and his companion Kropotkin are awoken. Trotsky gives Lenin the ^{about} social developments in Russia. Later, Lenin sends Trotsky on a lecture tour of the Russian colonies in Europe to raise money for Iskra. Trotsky's enthusiastic guide around Paris is a Russian student, Natalia Wanovna Sedova. Though Trotsky was legally married to Alexandra Sokolovskaya, Natalia Sedova became "Mrs Trotsky", bore him two sons, and remained with him till his death. London 1903: The 2nd congress of the Russian Social-Democratic Labour

Party. Today, this congress is remembered for the political wrangles which split the newborn R.S.D.L.P. into two factions: the Bolsheviks [majority-ites] led by Lenin and the Mensheviks [minority-ites] led by Martov and others. These factions soon became the two parties of Russian Marxism with opposed views about Revolution. What was the dispute about? It started with the co-editors of Iskra, Lenin and Martov, arguing about party organisation... Lenin: An underground party which wants to overthrow the Tsarist state must be strictly centralised! Martov: Ours isn't a party of professional revolutionaries but one open to anyone who believes in its programme! Trotsky supported Martov. Plekhanov supported Lenin. After the Congress, Plekhanov goes over to the Mensheviks. Lenin withdraws from Iskra, which is taken over by the Mensheviks. Lev, while remaining independent, contributes fiery diatribes against Lenin which the Mensheviks love. In his battle against Lenin, Trotsky often resorted to vulgar personal abuse... Trotsky remained opposed to Lenin's conception of the party for a whole decade. In 'Our Political Tasks' he savagely attacked many of Lenin's formulas. Lev was later to disown this book though not completely. He admitted that on the central question of party discipline he had been wrong. But he also insisted that the book contained several insights into the narrow mentality of some Bolshevik committee men of the period. Trotsky was closer to the Menshevik view of the party. But his grasp of revolutionary tactics led him further from them than even Lenin and the Bolsheviks. During every revolutionary upsurge Trotsky was closer to Lenin than many of the Bolshevik committee men.

1904-1905: THE Russo-Japanese War.

This war for colonies in Manchuria, China and Korea ended in defeat for the Tsar's armies. The autocracy was shaken by the experience in the "Manchurian country", by the rising discontent in the cities and countryside. Defeat in war - economic and social crisis - always means: A sharp rise in working-class consciousness.

On the 3rd of January 1906, 12,000 workers at the Putilov Engineering plants strike. Troops disperse pickets outside the Putilov works.

22nd January 1906: Bloody Sunday. 200,000 striking workers in St. Petersburg, march to the Winter Palace to petition the Tsar. But the 'little father' refuses to see a delegation, and orders his troops to disperse the crowds. Tsar Nicholas II. 1000 people are shot down...

Within weeks a general strike had developed in towns throughout Russia and a railway strike paralysed the main lines. The Tsar offers concessions. The liberal bourgeoisie rush to accept them. How are the liberals organising? Through a political party known as the Constitutional Democrats. [Kadets.]

Trotsky, Russia:

Its leader is P.N. Milyukov, an historian. He is rebuked for his capitulation to the Tsar by Trotsky. The 1905 Revolution was a **general dress-rehearsal**. It severely dented the Tsarist autocracy, but could not overthrow it. From that, the Russian proletariat learned many new lessons - and the most important one was the formation of: **The Petersburg Soviet of Workers' deputies**. The Soviet only lasted 50 days. On 16 December 1905, government troops closed it down and arrested the leaders. The revolution had been defeated. Trotsky was 26. His speech in court was an address to the world. But the judges are not impressed. Trotsky's trial lasts a year, and he is sentenced to Siberia for life... while in prison Trotsky has formulated his theory of: **Permanent Revolution**.

Trotsky escapes from Siberia, once again, in February 1907. In Vienna, 1908, he starts his own newspaper, *Pravda*, struggles for the unity of the party and... plays chess with Alfred Adler, friend, renegade disciple. But his distance from both Mensheviks and Bolsheviks leaves him without any organisational anchor.

1914-1917: WAR AND REVOLUTION.

The first world war erupted in August 1914. It was a straightforward conflict between the major capitalist powers in Europe to determine which one would make more money on a global scale. Russian revolutionaries had been hounded out of all countries because of their opposition to the war. Many, like Lenin, utilised Swiss neutrality and took refuge in Zurich. Trotsky was expelled from France as a "suspect alien" and eventually came to the United States. He was in New York ten weeks when the Russian Revolution broke out. Lenin, Trotsky and other exiles rush back as best they can...

1917. THE FEBRUARY REVOLUTION.

16 April 1917, Lenin arrives at the Finland Station, St. Petersburg [now renamed: Petrograd]. His speech astounds his audience and the Bolsheviks. Lenin, in April, called for the seizure of power by the working class. That's why so many loyal Bolsheviks were shocked. Lenin had abandoned the orthodox dogma. Lenin was now faced with the task of bringing the Bolsheviks into line with his new position - one which was virtually identical with Trotsky's idea of Permanent Revolution. As in 1905, the February Rev immediately elected a Soviet of Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies. Almost overnight it was the only organisation with effective power. Everyone knew it. But the Soviet leadership - Mensheviks, Social-Revolutionaries, and others, including some Bolsheviks - believed it was a "law of Marxism" that this power should be transferred to the liberal bourgeoisie. J.G. Tsereteli, a Menshevik leader in the Soviet, explained the necessity of compromise with the bourgeoisie... And so, blinded by the orthodox Marxist dogma of "bourgeois Revolution", the Soviet leaders actually begged the liberal leaders of the Provisional Gov. a Gov in name only - to take power... This is how dual power emerged.

Trotsky's predictions had come true. Here was the absurd contradiction of victorious workers handing over power to a "weak, vacillating bourgeoisie".

Trotsky arrives in Petrograd in early May. He goes straight to the Tauride Palace where the Soviet is in session. Mensheviks and other Socialist leaders of the Soviet dissociate themselves from Lenin. They would continue to support a bourgeois coalition Gov. Within a few weeks Lenin and his Mezhrayontsy group had joined with the Bolsheviks. From May to October 1917 an intense struggle goes on inside the Soviet between moderate Socialists and Bolsheviks. Lenin calls for an end to the war waged by capitalists for capitalist interests. July 1917 sees a mass uprising in Petrograd. Lenin and the Bolshevik leadership regard it as premature, but refuse to stand aside as neutrals. The uprising is defeated. The Socialist executive of the Soviet disarms the workers. Bolsheviks attacked. Trotsky arrested. Lenin accused of "German spy" goes on the run.

Trotsky, Russia:

A.F. Kerensky, the Socialist Prime Minister of the provisional Government, conspires with his commander-in-chief, General Kornilov, to overthrow the Soviets. Kerensky backs down at the last minute, 9th September, 1917, but not Kornilov... Kerensky re-arms the Red Guards and begs Bolshevik agitators to get Kornilov's soldiers to mutiny. Bolshevik propaganda and agitation defeats Kornilov: The would-be dictator finds he is a general without an army... His soldiers desert, without a shot being fired. **Bolshevism is vindicated.**

Bolsheviks obtain a majority of votes in the Petrograd Soviet, October 1917, and Trotsky is elected President. In Moscow, and elsewhere throughout Russia, Bolsheviks gain majorities in the Soviets. **This build-up of popular democratic support was, for Lenin and Trotsky, the green light for a workers' insurrection.** Land, bread, and peace, the slogan of Bolshevik agitation, found a ready response. 23 Oct, 1917, Lenin, in disguise, returns from Finland to Petrograd, and appears before a secret session of the Bolshevik Central Committee, which includes Lev. **The decision is taken for an immediate revolutionary seizure of power.** Only 2 votes against - Zinoviev and Kamenev...

THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION:

On 25 October, or 7 Nov, new style calendar, 1917, the Military Revolutionary committee of the Petrograd Soviet launched a successful insurrection. Subsequent elections, during the All-Russia Congress of Soviets, show a clear Bolshevik majority: 14 Bolsheviks, 7 Socialist-Revolutionaries, and 3 Mensheviks on the Praesidium of the Soviets. The defeated parties begin to walk out. The left and Centre Mensheviks demand a coalition government. When the Bolsheviks refuse, Martov and others lead a walk-out. Sabotage, counter-revolution, alcohol, problems ensue. Also, the Allied Powers are desperately against Russia signing a separate peace with Germany. But Bolshevik foreign policy is clear: An immediate armistice with Germany is the aim. Lenin, named as commissar of foreign affairs, and emissaries of Soviet Russia arrive at Brest-Litovsk to negotiate peace at the end of November, 1917. Fraternisation between Russian and German soldiers on the Eastern front began in 1917. Later, Trotsky goes over to Lenin, and with this majority, acceptance of peace goes ahead, 3 March 1918.

THE CIVIL WAR BEGINS:

The infant Soviet Republic, threatened by German armies in the Ukraine, faces another big problem. Civil war. The Tsarist white generals prepare a counter-revolution. The Allied Powers, angered by the Bolshevik peace negotiations, are ready to support the whites. The so-called Civil War in Russia saw the Bolsheviks fighting not only against the forces led by white generals: Denikin, Wrangel, Yudenich, Kolchak. But the whites were aided by 50,000 Allied soldiers. British, American, Italian, Serb, French, Czech, Poles and Japanese troops joined the holy crusade against the Red Republic. Their aim is to crush the world's first workers state... Trotsky organises the Red Army. The whites commit many atrocities. When they massacre the workers of Kazan, the Bolsheviks reply in kind. Of course, there is an outcry against Bolshevik 'cruelty'. Trotsky's special armoured train takes him to the front and he participates in the battles. Irresponsible? **No. Leaders should be seen as capable of defending the Revolution when the occasion demands it.** "War Communism": The Civil War proved very costly. It killed off a generation of the most politically conscious workers. It ruined Russia's economy. Apart from war deaths, some 9,000,000 perished in 1919-20 of cold, famine, disease. War Communism met the economic emergency by imposing tighter state control, more expropriations and confiscation of grain from the hard-pressed peasantry. In 1920 Lenin submitted a list of proposals to the Central Committee to change gear and restore an element of

Trotsky, Russia:

the free Market. This position is rejected by Lenin and the Central Committee.

The Civil War was won by 1921.

THE KRONSTADT uprising. 1921:

The Kronstadt Soviet was a strong Naval fortress on an island off

Petrograd. It's sailors were famous as the vanguard of the Revolution and loyal Bolshevik supporters. **Why, [ALWAYS ASK WHY?]** did they revolt in March, 1921? Many of the sailors, as "Sons of peasants" wanted an end to grain confiscations. They demanded a free Market, and democratic freedoms which the emergency laws of War Communism had abolished. But Trotsky, Lenin, and the Bolshevik Central Committee do not listen... Before the ice can melt, they send the Red Army commanded by Tukhachevsky to crush the sailors' mutiny. **The Kronstadt Tragedy will haunt Trotsky for the rest of his life.** The 10th Congress opens in Moscow while Kronstadt fights to the last man. Lenin proposes a new Economic Policy [N.E.P.]. He wants to abolish War Communism, to end grain requisitions and permit limited free Market. What did Lev propose a year earlier...?

United front: At the 3rd Congress of the Communist International, in the summer of 1921, Lenin and Trotsky developed their concept of the United front. They were resisted by the ultra-radicals, like Zinoviev, Bukharin and the Hungarian Bela Kun. The Comintern voted for the United front policy in 1921, and it was re-affirmed at its 4th Congress in 1922.

THE RISE OF STALIN:

The 11th Party Congress in March 1922 was the last Lenin attended. After this

Congress, the Central Committee elected Stalin as General Secretary of the Communist Party. In May 1922 Lenin falls seriously ill, paralysed by a stroke. During Lenin's illness, the party leadership passes to Zinoviev, Kamenev, and Stalin. This 'Triumvirate' holds the key positions. Kamenev was married to Lev's sister, this didn't prevent him from siding with Zinoviev, and Stalin, against Lev. Trotsky is being phased out. Stalin plants his men throughout the Party Organisation as Secretaries, to gain Party control... He works out changes in the Governmental structure. Lenin, during his illness, has time to think. Lenin plans to do battle with Stalin. But illness prevents Lenin from going into action.

21. JANUARY. 1924: Lenin dies... Lenin had written a "last testament" which made one important demand: Stalin should be removed as General Secretary. The Politburo decided to keep quiet about the testament. Despite bitter protests from Krupskaya, the Party Congress was not told...

Slander Campaign: Beginning in 1923 the opposition found its leader in Trotsky. The bureaucratic system found its incarnation in Stalin. Beginning in 1923 an agitational campaign unlimited in its violence was launched against Trotsky. Old disagreements with Lenin, dating back from 1906-15, were dug up under Stalin's orders and used to create the heretic myth of **Trotskyism**. Trotsky was slandered as a criminal anti-Leninist. In May 1924 the 13th Party Congress condemns the pro-democracy faction and Trotsky in particular. Trotsky writes *The Lessons of October* in reply to his critics, who respond with more slander, and remove him from his position as Commissar of War. 1925: The Central Committee removes Trotsky from the Military Revolutionary Council and forbids him to engage in any new debates.

Socialism in One Country...

At the 14th Party Congress in 1926 Trotsky remained silent as the

senior triumvirs, Zinoviev and Kamenev, split with Stalin who forms a new faction with Bukharin and the right wing. Stalin proclaims his theory of "Socialism in one country".

THE LAST fight inside the party. 1926-27:

For 18 months following July 1926, Trotsky threw himself into

Irish History:

21. Sept. 1986:

3,000 B.C.:

Newgrange: Massive stone age structure. Burial chambers. Also a Religious Centre for Stone-age Woman/Man.

1,000 - 800 B.C.:

Milesians.

500 - 400 B.C.:

Celts: THE Greeks called them, Keltoi. The Romans called them, Picti. Celts invade Ireland. They gradually intermix with the original inhabitants. Became one race, with one language, Culture, law, Social System. They're all broke up into Tribal and clan lands, independent of each other. It is from these years that the Gaelic legends springs. Cúchulainn, Finn Mac Cumhal, the Fianna, e.t.c. Gaelic Culture was undisturbed for nearly 1,000 years, until 'Christianity' came; which in turn, became distinctly Gaelic itself. "long, long ago, beyond the misty space, of twice a thousand years, in Erin old these dwelt a mighty race, taller than Roman spears".

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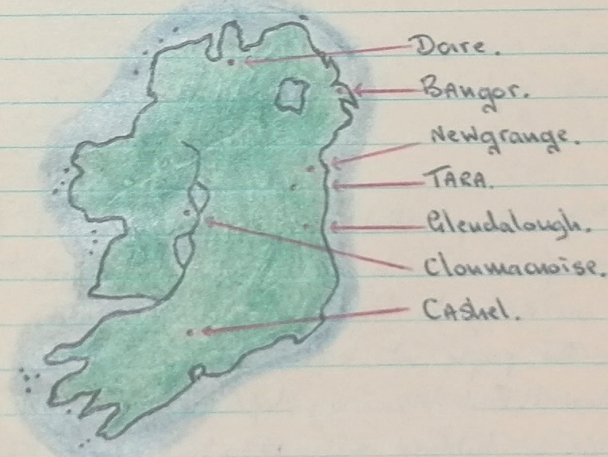
450-790 A.D.:

St Patrick, and Christianity. Ireland became the "College" of Western Europe. It's civilisation flourished during this period. Thousands of people came from Europe to learn at centres all over Ireland, e.g. Glendalough, Clonmacnoise, e.t.c. All the religious centres also taught philosophy, medicine, Art e.t.c. This is when the "Book of Kells" was wrote. Thousands of Irish men also travelled to Europe to teach Christianity and establish centres of learning all over the place. St Brendan sailed to America during this period, nearly 1,000 years before Columbus.

Norse invaders.
DANES. NORTHMEN.

800 A.D.:

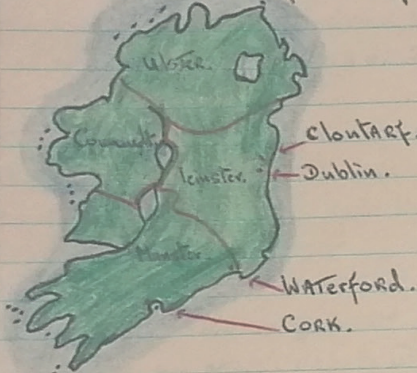
Ireland, just before the Vikings came. long ships.



first Monastery to be hit was Iona.

The Vikings, start raiding, first raid in 795. These raids devastated Ireland over 200 years. Eventually, many Vikings settled down to trade and inter-marry with the Irish. They founded: Dublin, Cork, Waterford. Dublin became the largest city in Western Europe during this period. The Vikings used it as their Capital, to attack England, France, Spain, e.t.c.

1014 AD: Battle of Clontarf.

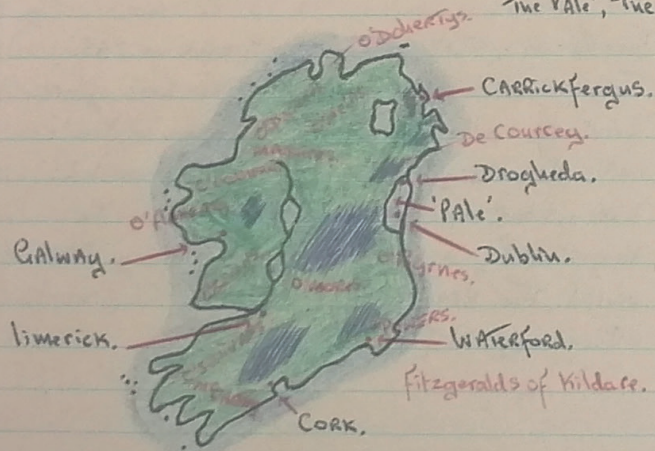


Brian Boru was the first really effective "High King" of Ireland. He broke the power of the Vikings in Ireland, at Clontarf. Vikings and Irish, fought on each side, against each other. Boru was killed shortly after the Battle, and in turn, his power broke up all over Ireland, into independent Chieftains, again, warring against each other. No cohesive state emerged.

1169: Norman invasion. Strongbow. [DERMOT Mac Murrough: appeal to Henry II.]

[1155. Pope Adrian the 4th]. The Normans were the most powerful soldiers of this age. King Henry 2nd arrived in Ireland in 1171. But, the Norman invasion wasn't very thorough going, due to many reasons - not least, the ability of the Irish to resist them. Over this period, the Normans introduced a new 'Social System' into Ireland. The feudal system. This was totally different from the native Irish Social system. [1318. Edward Bruce defeated]. Over the next few hundred years, many Normans "went native". They inter-married with the Irish, adopted Irish dress, spoke Gaelic, took Irish titles, and obeyed Irish law e.t.c. This was so widespread that the English king brought in the "Statutes of Kilkenny" in 1366, to forbid this behaviour. It outlawed the above. Making it an offence against 'English' law, to speak Gaelic e.t.c. Though these laws were ineffective. Actual English rule in Ireland had shrunk to a small area around Dublin, known as "The Pale". Outside this, Irish law remained in force. The main forces in Ireland, at this time, were the Fitzgeralds of Kildare, and Munster. [both Norman, old English, who had inter-married with the Irish], and the O'NEILLS of Tyrone, O'Connor in Connaught e.t.c. [The chieftains of the old Gaelic clans]. They all, actually ruled Ireland. Poynings law. 1494. At the Synod of 1177 the pope, in order to help the English monarch against the Irish people, abolished the right of sanctuary in Ireland. The greatest criminals of Europe were safe once they reached the walls of the church, but not an Irish patriot...

1530: Shaded areas, are Norman settlements, since 1169. Unshaded areas, signifies, Gaelic Ireland. 'The Pale', the only area under English control, up until Henry 8th.



Henry 8th turned Protestant in 1530. He confiscated the lands of the church in England and Ireland. He sent an army to Ireland to do this, and try to force the people into Protestantism; Resistance thus followed. But his army defeated the Fitzgeralds of Kildare in the 1530's. This was the beginning of the real conquest of Ireland. Most Chieftains, and old English, submitted to him, in return for keeping their lands.

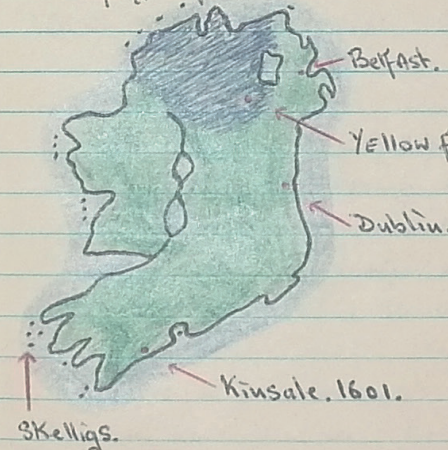
1550's-1590's:

Elizabeth 1st. "Surrender and regrant". Elizabeth 1st continued his policy, and fought many wars in Ireland. Ruining our country. Her army defeated the last powerful old English power, the Fitzgeralds of Munster. This only left the Gaelic Chieftains, their last stronghold was Ulster. Many other Gaelic Chieftains had sold out to the English, sold out their people. Hugh O'Neill and Hugh O'Donnell, finally organised the Irish, in Ulster, to fight the English invading dogs. They drove them clean out of Ulster and Connaught. The English came back with an army, but the Irish, totally defeated them. Irish cross, 1579.

1598: Battle of Yellow Ford.

At the battle of Yellow Ford [not far from Lurgan] the Irish were in touch with the Spanish, to help them fight the English. The Spanish landed a force at Kinsale, Co. Cork. But, were trapped by the English, under Mountjoy. O'Neill's and O'Donnell's army, had to march the length of Ireland to help them, but disaster struck them and sadly they were defeated. Mountjoy's army then marched into Ulster, and despoiled the whole country-side. The Battle of Kinsale was in 1601. O'Neill and O'Donnell surrendered, in turn for being recognised as owners of their land. With this defeat, the Irish Social system, its common ownership of the land, its democratic spirit, its Brehon laws, is destroyed. Though it did take Cromwell, to carry this out thoroughly, nearly 50 years later. The feudal-capitalist social system, is now thrust upon the Irish, with its private ownership of the land, its undemocratic exploitative nature, its Alien laws e.t.c. The once free, Irish clansmen, are now reduced to the conditions of slaves - owning nothing. [1603, Elizabeth died].

1607: "Flight of the Earls". 1609: Plantation of Ulster.



Old Normans and Gaelic clans, defeated. Fully conquered for the first time, English rule extends all over. Shaded area: Confiscation of most of Ulster, after "Flight of the Earls". The Ulster plantation, begins.

In 1607, O'Donnell and O'Neill fled, from Rathmullan, Lough Swilly, to Europe, after discovering of a plot by the English to arrest them, and execute them for treason. Their lands, the whole of Ulster, is confiscated by the crown. Thus, begins the plantation of Ulster. The Irish people are driven off the land, into the mountains and bogs. The Crown then gives their lands to Protestant landowners, to London companies, adventurers e.t.c. who in turn get Scottish and English planters to work it for them. All Protestant of course... This is how 'Londonderry', 'draperstown', e.t.c. got their names. Over the following years, the Irish all over Ireland were brutally suppressed, denied all forms of expression, denied priests, access to the so-called 'law' e.t.c. In fact, the king through his army in Ireland, was training them, over these years, in all these ways, of suppression, to use against his own people who are growing rebellious.

1623: 21st JAN; The British government in Ireland, published a Royal proclamation banishing all priests from Ireland.

1641: Uprising in Ireland.

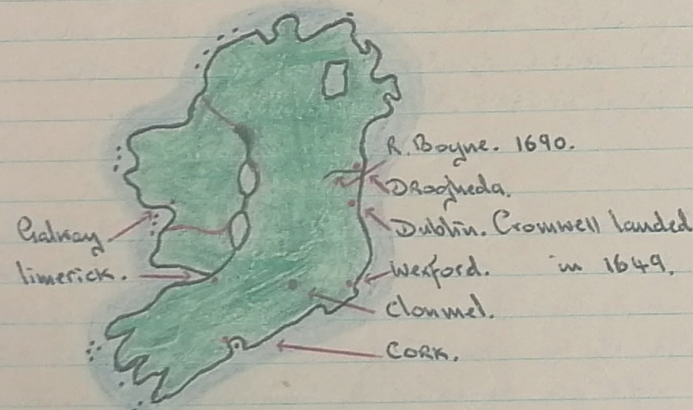
When rebellion breaks out in England in 1641, the whole of Ireland rises as well. Especially in Ulster. The Ulster Irish sweep the planters clean off the land, pushing them into towns on the east coast. There are many factions in Ireland, some support the King, some support parliament. The Gaelic Irish want their land, and independence back. Many Armies are thus in the field.

1645: Confederation of Kilkenny.

In 1645, the Gaelic Irish, along with the old English Catholics, unite, to drive the English out of Ireland. This is known as the Confederation of Kilkenny. Owen Roe O'Neill, is overall commander of their armies. Again they win a lot of battles, but are not decisive enough. Also, a lot of intrigue by English factions, Pope etc. All combining to undermine its strength. Dublin still remains in English hands. Owen Roe died in November, 1649.

1649-53: Cromwell invasion.

After executing King he invades Ireland. Massacres the populations of Wexford and Drogheda. The Gaelic Irish battle it out with him at 'Clonmel'. They inflict heavy losses on him, but have to withdraw further west. Cromwell himself, leaves Ireland after a few months, his armies continue, and take till 1653 to finally conquer the whole country. The past twelve years of war ruined Ireland. Now totally defeated, all of her lands are confiscated by English Protestants, and Soldiers etc. plus companies. Many of the Irish people are forced to move to the West of the Shannon, to 'Connacht or hell'. Irish children are rounded up and sold as slaves, in the West Indies. Feudal-Capitalist Social System, imposed upon the Irish people.



Cromwell fully conquers Ireland again, after twelve years of war. Land, again, confiscated. During the uprising most of Ireland, in hands of Gaelic clans and old Normans.

1688-9: Siege of Derry.

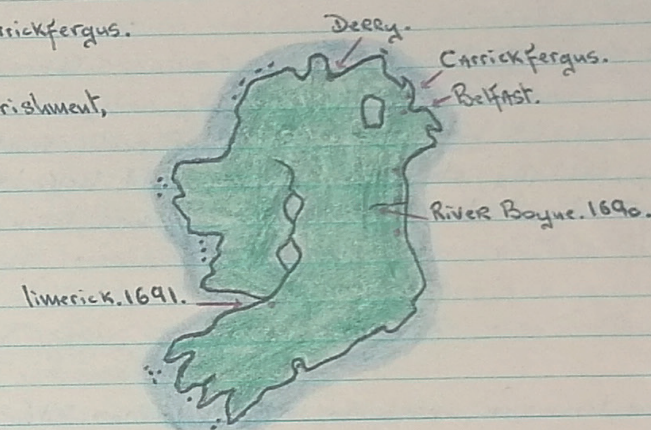
13 Protestant apprentice boys shut the gates of the walled city on advancing troops, loyal to King James II. Some 30,000 Protestants, endured starvation and attacks, until James II army was finally driven off.

1690: Battle of the Boyne. 1691: Treaty of Limerick. 1695: Penal laws.

At this time, in the history of Ireland, we had the "Williamite wars". Which had nothing to do with Ireland really. But those remaining old English Catholics in Ireland supported King James II, in the hope that they would get their lands back. [Though, not for the Irish people - Clansmen etc.] Eventually, defeated, sign the Treaty of Limerick ensuring rights of the Irish. All the Irish armies are forced to leave Ireland: The "Flight of the Wild Geese". The English, and Irish Protestants, then tore up the Treaty, and brought in the Penal laws, against the Catholic Irish... The Irish have no political leaders; their religion is banned, legally they don't exist, no rights at all. "Totally Conquered". The ownership of the land, Irish soil, is owned by English landowners. The Irish themselves have little, or, no land.

King Billy, lands at Carrickfergus.

Subjection, and impoverishment, of the Irish people.



1700s: Total Subjection. 1729: Famine. 1740: Famine.

This whole century, right into the next, was one of total impoverishment of the Irish. Our people, were exploited in one of the most barbarous ways in history. This was the beginning of 'landlordism' in Ireland, of dire poverty, constant and widespread evictions, and famines. In the 1740 famine, over 400,000 people died. The Penal laws etc. were in operation. A time of great hardship. The Irish people, had no alternative; then, to form "Secret Societies", the 'White Boys' etc. using, violent force, to execute landlords, and their agents etc. They had to fight for their survival, against the exactions of their landlords, the extortion of tithes, for the upkeep of a clergy whose teachings they did not accept, and other oppressive measures. They were, in turn, hanged from trees, whipped, imprisoned, and transported etc. on a massive scale, without the least semblance of a trial. ^{THE PEASANTS WANTED TO FORCE THE LANDLORDS TO REVERT BACK TO} ^{IN THE SOUTH. AND IN THE NORTH: 'OAKBOYS' AND 'STEELBOYS' FOR HEARTS OF STEEL.} ^{EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH.} ^{THE CATHOLIC, AND PROTESTANT, PROPERLY CLASS; UNITED [PENAL LAWS IN OPERATION] IN} ^{ORDER TO CRUSH THE POOR SLAVES, SO AS TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION AND PRIVILEGES. HARRY FLOOD, 'PATRIOT' IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN 1763} ^{denounced the gov for not killing enough of the whiteboys. He called it "clemency".} ^{1772: members of the hearts of steel, assembled from all parts of down + ulster, they marched upon Belfast and stormed the prison, releasing their comrades.}

1778: Irish Volunteers. 1782: Grattan's parliament.

80,000 men. These were Protestant volunteers, formed to protect Ireland from French invasion, as the English army was fighting against American Revolution. They later forced the British to concede the Irish parliament [Protestant] right to make its own laws. This was Grattan's Parliament. This was Protestant middle-classes; but they sold out the Irish Vol's, who wanted more radical reforms. Robert Emmet was born on the 4. March. 1778.

1786: Peasantry 'Munster document'.

1791: United Irishmen founded.

founded by Theobald Wolfe Tone at a meeting, held in Belfast, with Henry Joy McCracken and others. Its ~~later~~ objectives: To overthrow British Rule in Ireland, and set up a Democratic Republic. To Revolutionize the Social System. To overthrow landlordism e.t.c. "England's difficulty, Ireland's opportunity".

1795: Maynooth founded. Orange Order formed.

A protestant barrister.

1796: Tone, and French.

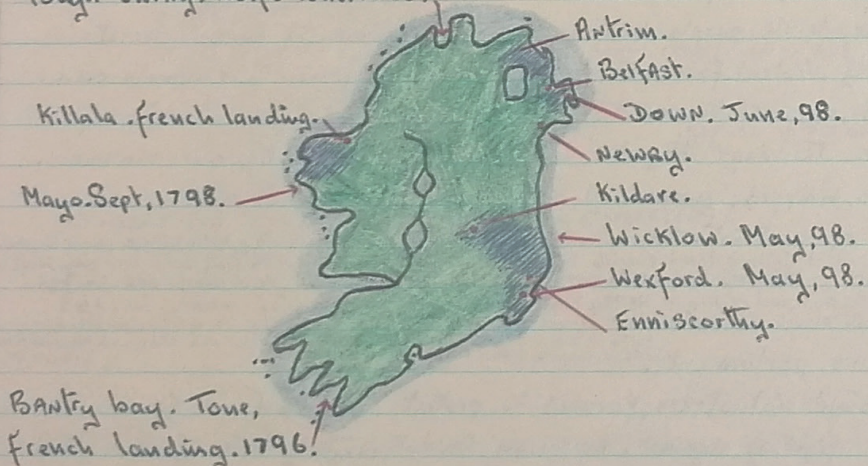
A French fleet, consisting of 20,000 soldiers, arrives in Bantry Bay. ^{French officers in command were Bouchey and Hoche.} Bad weather prevents them from disembarking, and they, sadly, sailed home to France. If the landing had been successful, it's highly likely, that a Republic would have been established, and the course of history, radically changed... later, in 1798, Wolfe Tone came back with a smaller fleet, but was captured in Lough Swilly. Then he was taken to Dublin, and supposedly kills himself. [?]. ^{19 Nov} Theobald Wolfe Tone, was a protestant.

1798: Uprising.

The United Irishmen, arose, in Wexford, Wicklow, Kildare, Dublin, Antrim, and Down. Being influenced somewhat by French ideas and deeds. Eventually, put down. 30,000 Irish killed, and thousands transported. During the uprising, a small French army landed in Connacht, in August, at Killala, but were too late. The Irish rose to help them, but were, sadly, defeated. ^{General Humbert, French officer.} An aim of the United Irishmen was, as the name implies, the unity of Catholic, protestant and dissenter, under the common name of Irishman...

Lough Swilly. Wolfe Tone. 1798.

Shaded areas: Main centres of uprising.



1801: Act of Union.

Irish parliament votes itself out of existence, joins Britain under one parliament in London.

1803: Uprising. July 23.

Robert Emmet, organiser of this attempt. Turns out as a bit of a fiasco. Emmet being executed. O'Byrnes in Wicklow mts. Military roads. Anne Devlin...

1829: Catholic Emancipation.

Restrictions on Catholics, to a certain degree, are removed. But, only the Catholic middle-classes benefit. No difference to the mass of the Irish people.

1830's: O'Connellism. 1830's Approx: 'Secret Ribbon Society'. 'Whiteboys'.

His political leadership and philosophy democratises and undermines a whole generation of Irish people, leading up to the horrors of the famine, and the Tithe wars around this period. Daniel O'Connell, dies near the end of the famine.

1831: "Rahahine" in Co. Clare. An Owenite farming community. 628 Acres.

1841: REPEAL ASSOCIATION.

O'Connell forms this to repeal the Act of Union [1801]. It is mostly made up of "Young Irelanders", ^{some} who are more militant than O'Connellism. It reaches its peak in 1843, when vast meetings of 500,000 occur. "Monster meetings". O'Connell sells out. The Young Irelanders form the "Irish Confederation" to fight on. ^{split in 2/3 Association. leads to "Irish Confederation". These seceders were known as the "Young Irelanders".}

1845-49: Famine. 1847: 'Black 47'. Nature brought the blight, England caused the famine...

This period being a disastrous time in the history of our bleeding land. It's believed that over these four years, roughly, 2,000,000 Irish people died of starvation/disease e.t.c. and about 1,000,000 emigrated to America and elsewhere, and the resulting, agonizing, deaths of the 'Coffin ships'. The 1/4 acre clause, evictions, were in operation. Black '47' was the worse year. Over the next 50 years, nearly, 4,000,000 Irish people are evicted off their lands, and just as many were forced to emigrate. ^{Potato blight, followed by typhus fever.} June 1846, Corn laws, repealed. Though; not for proper reasons. The population of Ireland in 1845 was about 8-10 million, today it's about 5 million. never recovered.

1848: Uprising.

This attempt was also a bit of a fiasco, badly organised e.t.c. John Mitchel was transported. Young Irelanders involved. Fintona lallor, e.t.c. were sound, but the rest led the people up the left. Thousands were, again, transported. Left ship with 220 steerage passengers on board, bound for Liverpool. fleeing the Great Famine in Ireland. ^{On 2nd Dec, 1848: A steamer broke out. The people were forced down below deck, and hastened down. Tried to escape. Went Taraulin was pulled over to spite their pleas. 200 of our fellow creatures, fought, struggled and gasped, for air. Eventually they broke out. But, 72 people had died, suffocated, or trampled to death. The name of the ship? Londonderry...}

1858: 'Fenian Brotherhood' founded. 1867: Fenian Uprising, 5th March.

"Irish Republican Brotherhood": first documentation, 1873. These organisations were founded by James Stephens and other revolutionaries in Paris, and also others in America where it was strongest, John Devoy e.t.c. Had many fights with the English but was too small by this time. The Government had first moved in 1865 to

crush it, and arrest its leaders. But, never defeated. 3 Fenians executed: 1867 Manchester. There was an amnesty in 1871. Though attacks on England continued right up until 1916, when the I.R.B. and the "Irish Citizen Army", formed the "Irish Republican Army". John O'Mahony, Michael Doherty: United Brotherhood. Code: "V.C." "Clan na Gael" = The Irish Race. [1867] The V.C. and I.R.B. united in 1875. The 'freemantle' operation was in 1876. O'Donovan Rossa, M.P. for Tipperary in 1869.

1879: Land League.

founded to avert another famine and stop evictions. It was founded by a Fenian just released from jail in England: Michael Davitt. It was fairly successful. Being backed up by the I.R.B. and Parnell's Home Rule Party. It initiated the 'boycott' tactics. and over about 20 years it forced from the government so-called 'land acts' which effectively killed off landlordism in Ireland.

1884: "G.A.A." formed. By Michael Cussack. To preserve Irish culture, sports etc.

1886: first Home Rule Bill. Crisis. Parnell/Gladstone. 1891: Parnell dies.

1893: The Gaelic League formed. By a Protestant nationalist Douglas Hyde. Home Rule Bill. 1896: MAY 18th. I.S.R.P. formed. 1905: Sinn Féin formed. By Arthur Griffith.

1907: Dockers Strike. Belfast. Larkin.

1909: 'Fianna' formed. by Countess Markievicz.

1912: Lord Carson. Ulster Covenant/Home Rule Bill. [471, 414.] 28 September. U.V.F.

1913: "lock-out."

The Dublin lock-out. Big Jim Larkin and James Connolly lead the workers in an eight month, lock-out, by Dublin bosses. Nov 25th, I.C.A. formed by Connolly in the Rotunda. To protect and aid the workers. Eoin M'Neill founded the 'Irish Volunteers' in Nov, as well. and John Redmond: "National Volunteers" looking Irish men to fight in W.W.I. We also had Randolph Churchills: 'Orange card'.

1914: March 20/21. The Curragh "Mutiny". Oct. 1914. Irish Vol's. A break-away from I.N.V. National Volunteers, look Irish men to fight in W.W.I.

1915: The Fenian veteran, O'Donovan Rossa, died in N.York. His body is brought home.

1916: Uprising. of the electorate voted. Sept. 1917. Thomas Ashe dies. Mountjoy Prison.

On Easter Monday 25th April, the G.P.O. in Dublin is taken over. Death and destruction follows. The Proclamation is read. I.R.B. and I.C.A. form I.R.A. The leaders are executed. [16] and up to 2,000 interned in England. Connolly who was born, 5 June 1868, is badly wounded, tied to a chair, and executed, on May 12, 1916. Later, Casement is hanged in England, 3 Aug 1916.

1918: December election. SF, 73 seats. March 1918: Redmond, dies in London.

1919: (Knocklong rescue. Breen + comrades enter train, shoot dead Sean Hogan's escort, and make good their escape. shot.) 'War of Independence' begins, or 'Anglo-Irish war'. As Sean Treacy, Dan Breen, and Sean Hogan, Constables, McDonnell and O'Connell, Robinson, shoot two Royal Irish Constabulary dead, at Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary. The first Dail was in January. 1920, Nov, Kevin Barry, hanged. 1920, 24th Oct, Terence McSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, died in a Brit Prison, after 73 days.

1920: Black and Tans, who are mostly I.W.W. Veterans, arrived in March and April 1920. The Auxiliaries in September. Both terrorist groups amalgamated with the dwindling R.I.C. who were the eyes and ears of the English really. "Bloody Sunday" was in Nov, 1920.

1920: 'Reprisals'. RIC, Black & Tans, Aux, shot. S.F. supporters, IRA men, innocent civilians, shot. property, Creameries, burned. Bloody Sunday: Just after 9 AM. 21 Nov, 1920. Collins's execution squads shot dead 12 Brit officers. And 2 Auxies who came to investigate one incident. That afternoon, a Gaelic football match in Croke Park was in progress. Dublin vs Tipperary.

THE AUXIES, RIC, opened fire on crowd. Killed 12 civilians, including a woman, a child, and a Tipperary forward. That night, 2 of Collins's IRA men who had been just captured, were shot dead in Dublin Castle. By Aux. They were: Richard McKee, leader Clancy. With them, a man called Clune was shot. Not IRA man. The 'attempted escape' was used here to justify the 3 murders. 28 Nov, 1920: Tom Barry, and the West Cork flying column, near Kilmichael, outside of the town of Macroom, ambushed 2 lorry loads of Auxiliaries, killing 17, and losing 3 IRA soldiers. False surrender tactic used. Barry used to march his men up and down at the scene for about 5 minutes after the operation. Amidst bodies and blazing lorries... Digging among death.

1921: Ceasefire. Treaty. Partition.

The ceasefire starts from July 11, 1921. Talks with the British begin. A Treaty is signed in England at 2-10 AM. 6 December, 1921. Collins and Griffiths; main signatories of Treaty. The six co. state, formed, with the partition of our country. The Treaty debates start, in Ireland, on 14 December 1921, to, 7 January 1922. The Treaty was then passed by; 64 votes to 57.

1922-23: Civil War. On 13 April, Rory O'Connor, Liam Lynch, Ernie O'Malley, Sean Hogan, etc. occupied and set up H.Q. in the four courts.

Dail accepts Treaty. I.R.A. Rejects it. Civil War begins at four courts, Dublin. On June 28th at 4-07 AM. the 'free state' forces started shelling the four courts, with British guns, against Republicans. who were anti-Treaty. Commandeering buildings, and a consolidation on both sides. Brother fought brother. Griffiths dies. Collins is shot dead in an ambush at Beal na Blath Co. Cork. On 22 Aug 1922. Cathal Brugha, rushing out with guns, is shot dead. Erskine Childers, shot dead at dawn, in Beggar's Bush barracks, on 24 Nov, 1922. The Republicans, after bombardment and massive destruction, in the four courts, surrendered on 30th June 1922, then; Rory O'Connor, Dick Barrett, Liam Mellows, Joe McKelvey, Ernie O'Malley were taken prisoner. In the yard of Mountjoy prison, the first 4 above named, were shot at dawn on 8th Dec. 1922. January, 1923: 34 Republicans are executed by free state. By May 1923, "official" executions of Republicans reached: 77.

Eamon De Valera, issued an order to Republicans, to dump arms. The CW ends: 24 May, 1923. AFTER COLLINS, GRIFFITHS, DEATHS; THE PRINCIPLE LEADERS OF THE FREE STATE WERE: WILLIAM COSGRAVE, AND KEVIN O'HIGGINS.

1925: COSGRAVE, HIGGINS, BLYTHE, GO TO ENGLAND. THEY SCRUB THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION IN RETURN FOR THE BRITISH SCRUBBING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE FREE STATE, TO BRITAIN. Sold-out the nationalists of the artificial 6 co. state. DE VALERA → FIANNA FAIL: WARRIORS OF IRELAND. July, O'Higgins shot dead.

1926: foundation of F.F. in May. 1927: F.F. enter Kinseal house, in August.

1932: De Valera comes to power in the 26 co.s. Released all I.R.A. prisoners. He alleviated the state boycott of Republicans, to a certain degree. Eoin O'Duffy, dismissed by De Valera, became leader of the "blue shirts". They went to Spain to assist Franco.

April 1934: 'Republican Congress'. An attempt by Republicans, George Gilmore, leader O'Donnell etc. to formulate a Socialist policy for the Irish Republican Army. 1937: NEW CONSTITUTION. EIRE: Abolished the Oath of Allegiance, and claimed sovereignty over all 32 co.s. But recognising 26 co.s. state.

1936: I.R.A. becomes an illegal organisation. Frank Ryan and others go to fight in Spain. 1938: Modification of Treaty. Rights to British bases abandoned by Britain.

1939: England bombed, organised by Sean Russell. 12 Jan 1939: I.R.A. ultimatum to England...

1942: Tom Williams, hanged, in Crumlin Rd prison. I.R.A. men executed in 26 co.s and some die on hunger strike. Campaign ends. Internment in 26 and 6 co. states.

1949: "Republic". [sic] name given to 26 co. state. from 'Eire' to 'Republic'. AND THAT the Brit gov would NOT consent to the placing of 'N.I.' outside the crown's dominions, without the consent of the 'N.I.' Parliament.

1952: Preparation for another campaign begins: People are organised, politicized, and guns are confiscated and attained, Women and Men prepare, once again, to strike out for the freedom of our tortured, and blood stained country.

1956-62:

Border Campaign. Is too isolated, only 19 executions up to 1961. fizzles out. Internment, again, in 26 and 6 co. states.

1967: The 'Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association', formed. A Series of Marches, for reform, began the following year. Civil Rights March: Oct. 5, 1968.

APRIL 78: Women against imperialism formed.

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1969: Burntollet.

1st January. Civil Rights Marchers are brutally attacked. ^{By implementing cosmetic reforms.} British soldiers arrive to, protect British interests, prop up the 6 co. state, and preserve protestant ascendancy, in August. 1969: U.D.R. formed from the 'B' '3' Specials, etc.

1971: Internment.

9th August, Crown forces swoop, breaking doors, and heads... Hardship inflicted upon the Catholics, interrogations, leading to torture, sensory deprivation etc. 8 July 1971: Seamus Costello + Desmond Gregan, were the first people killed by the British Army in Derry. Rent and Rate Strike.

1972: "Bloody Sunday". 14 DEAD. 30th JANUARY. "our Sharpeville".

Peaceful Civil Rights Marchers are gunned down by marauding British soldiers. 13 people are killed, with one more dying a short time later, as a result of injuries. ^{17 wounded} CRISIS. Split in I.R.A., P.I.R.A. arise. 24th MARCH 1972 The British government bring in 'Direct Rule'. Stormont powers ended, but not British oppression. Joe McCann shot dead April 72.

Officials declared a ceasefire in May 72.

1973: Diplock courts begin. Seamus Costello [1939-77]: Suspended in 73 / Expulsion in 74 Ard Fheis.

"I owe my allegiance only to the working class" - Seamus.

1974: Workers Strike. December 74. I.R.S.P. announced formation in Spa Hotel, Lucan.

Protestants cripple the state to bring down the Sunningdale agreement.

Birmingham bombings. 21 November. 21 dead. 162 injured. Dec 74: PIRA meet Protestant Clergymen, in Feakle, Co. Clare.

In the first 5 months of 1975, 35 Catholics were murdered by sectarian gunmen. ^{EARLY MONTHS OF 75: STICKS ATTACK I.R.S.P. in BELFAST. AFTER SEVERAL}

1975: Internment ended on the 5th September. Months of feuding, 3 I.R.S.P. Belfast men dead. Many wounded. ^{By late 75, feud had ended. THE PARTY WAS ORGANISED ON AN ALL IRELAND BASIS WITH APPROX 800 MEMBERS. PRODUCED STARRY PLIGHT}

Hugh Ferguson, shot dead, 20 Feb. 1975. Sean Fox of the officials is shot dead, a few days later.

1976: 'NORMALISATION'. Tuesday March 30 - Wednesday 31, 1976: Sallins Train Robbery...

Or, 'Ulsterisation'. ^{criminalisation} With the reduction/concealment of British

occupying Army, the R.U.C./U.D.R. role, is pushed to the fore.

1st MARCH 1976: STATUS taken from prisoners. 14 September 1976: 'Blanket' protest begins...

APRIL 76: THE FREE STATE LAUNCHED A CONCENTRATED ATTACK TO SMASH THE I.R.S.P. TRAIN ROBBERY, CO. KILDARE. 40 I.R.S.P. MEMBERS AND RELATIVES ARRESTED. "HEAVY GANTRY" I.R.S.P. OFFICES RANSACKED, FILES STOLEN, BURNED. COSTELLO PUSHED THE I.R.S.P. TO SUE THE STATE AND BROUGHT AMNESTY INTERNATIONALS FIRST INVOLVEMENT IN IRELAND. WHEN MAY DEMANDS "A FULL AND INDEPENDENT INQUIRY" IN MAY 1976 INTO ARREST AND IL-TREATMENT OF I.R.S.P. MEMBERS. 76: Criminal, norm, complementary components in Britain's long-term strategy.

1977: MARCH 12th, I.R.S.P. convened first Anti-Imperialist conference at the Spa hotel in Lucan.

5th Oct 77: Seamus, aged 38, ASSASSINATED. Captain Robert Nairne [SNS] disappears, 1977.

1978: July. O'Farrell, slurs of Calcutta speech, [H-Blacks].

1980:

2nd July, Tom BARRY dies. aged 83. first H/Strike: Oct 27 To Dec 18. 1980. agreement not honoured.

1981: The, inappropriately named, 'Super grass' System, begins. 20 JAN 81: clothes refused entry into H-Blocks for the 20 H/Strike. From 1st MARCH, anniversary of Status withdrawn. To the 3rd of Oct, when the 217 day H/Strike was officially ended. 10 INLA-PIRA men are dead...

1982: On the 9th November, The Strip Search policy, against women in Armagh gaol, begins.

1982: A more organised, controlled, effective "shoot to kill policy" is implemented... i.e. Normalisation.

1985: 'Anglo-Irish deal'. To bring about a type of revolution other than Direct Rule. To get legitimisation of repression, by 26 county state involvement. ^{Proposed 33 I.R.P. thus undermined Sinn Féin political achievements.} Signed on the 15th November: A Weapon against Republicanism, leading to an

upsurge in Sectarian Killings, of innocent Catholics, by loyalist thugs.

1986: November 2nd. Sinn Féin abandon abstentionist policy. With an Ard Fheis vote of 429-191. WALK OUT.

22: IN EARLY 1977: MASON ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF 'CASTLEBAGH'. 3 MAY 77: Paisley's Work Stoppage starts, called off on 15 MAY, leading to the break-up of the U.U.C. In July 77: Brief feud between Provisionals, officials. 17 Feb. 1978: LA Mori Hotel... May 78: Brian McGuire is hanged in Derry. 1979: INLA execute Tony H. Spokesman, Airey Neave, in London. 1979: Humphrey Atkins, replaces 'Stone' Mason, as H. Secretary. Monday 27 Aug 1979: P.I.R.A. execute Lord Mountbatten, aged 79. Hours later: 18 Soldiers executed at NARRAGH MARR, then [BOKA] then in Derry shoot dead English Tourist. SEPT 79: Pope John Paul II comes to Ireland, first time a pope came to Ireland. The 'NATIONAL ALPH-A-BLOCK/ARMAGH COMMITTEE', a united front, is formed in 1979.

More Irish Historical Notes. To be compiled altogether in a future, compilation 'c'. 20 JAN. 1987.

Oct 1931, so-called free state dail banned Saor Fire, and the I.R.A. I.R.A. ban lifted in 1932 f/f victory but banned again in 1939

'United Protestant League' formed in 1931. An Anti-Catholic organisation. Stormont built in 1932... Oct. 1932: Saw

non-Sectarian rioting... in response to the degrading poor law system, low wages, and unemployment. But, the Unionist politicians/aristocracy quickly jump in and stoke the flames of Sectarian hatred...

In June 1939, Fianna Fail enacted an offenses against the State Act [Section 30]. The 'Ireland Act of 1949': The Loyalist Veto... 'Ulster Protestant Action',

Sectarian organisations of the 1950's. On New Year's day 1957: Fergal O'Hanlon and Sean Smith are killed whilst attacking an enemy barracks. In Feb. 16, 1962: The I.R.A. released a statement to the Irish people which called off the

Border Campaign. In Oct. 1964, we have the Derry Street Riots... 1966, sees the emergence again of Sectarian

Killings of Catholic civilians... As well as 'Berrymandering' there is, 'Property qualifications, re elections.'

Derry March, 5th Oct. 1968: William Craig banned it. 2,000 people attended. The 'Sectarian Thugs of the infamous R.U.C.

viciously attacked the peaceful protesters. Gerry Fitz, M.P. is clubbed by the R.U.C... rioting in the Bogside erupts that

night. A March, again organised, for 16 Nov. 1968. 15,000 people attend. Ended peacefully as R.U.C. withdrew from area.

Peoples Democracy, launched in 1968. Another march, New Year's day, 1969: from Belfast to Derry. 75 miles. The

R.U.C. interfered and erected detours, on 4 January the marchers came to Burntollet... The loyalists attacked

the civil rights marchers, whilst the 'impartial' R.U.C. smugly looked on. R.U.C. attacked Bogside that night. On 12.

August 1969, we had the Battle of the Bogside, lasting days, smaller riots also erupted elsewhere. Belfast erupted.

On 14 August 1969. Shankill road gangs burned out 200 Catholic houses. Ten people were killed during the

two day R.U.C. and Loyalist rampage. [D: 28 April 1969, Captain Terence O'Neill resigned as prime minister.

Major James Chichester-Clark took over as 6 county prime minister. At 5:00 PM on Thursday 14 Aug 1969:

400 soldiers from the Prince of Wales's own Yorkshire regiment, crossed the Crumagavon bridge and took

up positions around the city. Britain's Army was once again patrolling Ireland's streets... 10th Oct. Friday 1969:

Lord Hunt's report. 'Ulster Special Constabulary' changed to 'U.D.R.'. Loyalists riot... Constable Victor

Arbuckle killed. The first peeler to be killed since the border Campaign. December 1969: I.R.A. Army convention.

Decide to end the policy of abstentionism. In January 1970, Sinn Féin Ard Fheis endorse the anti-

abstention decision. Really, 'abstentionism' was a codeword, for the real split, which was over the

attitude re the 6 county state. Friday 3 July 1970: falls road curfew. It lasted 35 hours. There were

approx 3,000 soldiers. 1,600 C.S. gas canisters were fired. 5 civilians were killed and about a

dozen wounded by British gunfire. 300 arrested. July 1970: Danny O'Hagan was shot dead. The first Catholic

victim at the hands of the British, during this campaign. In August 1970, 4 months after the 'Alliance Party'

was formed, the 'Social Democratic and Labour Party' was inaugurated... February 6th 1971: Robert

Curtis, aged 20, is shot dead. The first British soldier to die during this present campaign. 20th March, 1971:

Chichester-Clark resigned. And is replaced by Brian Faulkner. Edward Heath, British P.M., and Faulkner, both

organise internment. Internment: "operation Demetrius", on Monday 9th August. In September 1971: The

'Ulster Defence Association' is formed. November 1971: 'Compton Report'. 30th January 1972: Bloody Sunday.

Shortly after our Sharpeville, William Craig forms extreme right-wing 'Vanguard Movement'. After On 22 Feb.

1972: O.I.R.A. bomb Aldershot, in England. Killing 7 civilians by mistake. 24th MARCH 1972: Direct Rule.

Loyalists then launch a concerted Sectarian slaughter campaign against innocent Catholics... On 10th

May 1972: 26 county state votes to join the E.E.C. 6 June 1972: 40 Rep prisoners in the Crumagavon strike for P/status.

On 26th June William Whitelaw gives 'Special category status' for Reps and Loyalists. 26th June 1972: ceasefire is called. Secret talks

are set for 7 July in London. The R.A.F. flew over P.I.R.A. delegates. On 9 July, after 14 days, the ceasefire breaks in Lencadoon. The I.R.A.

resumes offensive action. On 21 July 1972: Belfast is bombed 'Bloody Friday'... On 31 July 72 "operation Motorman" is launched.

In Oct 72, we had the 'Green Paper'. Early 70's: British covert activities. M.R.F: Military Reconnaissance/Intelligence Force.

8th MARCH 1973: Referendum 'Border Poll'. On Wednesday 15th May 1974, Workers strike commenced. 17 May 1974: The loyalists bomb the

26 county state. 31 Catholics murdered. Oct 74: Lifford bombings, 5 dead. Short ceasefire over mas 74. On 11 Feb 1975: P.I.R.A. begin

another ceasefire (Lence). And incinerate centres are formed. Oct 75: feud between Provisionals, officials, ended on 13 Nov 75. April 1976: 'Relatives

Action Committee' formed. To gain the restoration of P.O.W. status. 76: 'Peace People'. Late 70: Maire Drumm, murdered in Mater Hosp by U.D.A.

LATE 76: Roy MASON TAKES OVER FROM MERLYN REES AS N.I. SECRETARY OF STATE.

Trotsky, Russia:

the struggle against Stalinism. At its height, the United Left Opposition had a membership of 8,000 Bolsheviks inside the party. In October 1927 Stalin assails the opposition at a Politburo meeting. Some months later, Trotsky delivers his last speech before the Central Committee; the leading body of the Communist Party. The leaders of the Left Opposition, including Lev, are expelled from the Central Committee. Others are expelled from the Communist Party or arrested for circulating Oppositional literature.

7. Nov. 1927: The opposition attempts to appeal to the masses on the 10th anniversary of the October Revolution. Stalinist strong-arm gangs break up the demonstrations. Zinoviev, and Kamenev, capitulate to Stalin in Dec 1927 and petition for re-admission to the Party as rank and file members. Lev is alone; and decides to carry on fighting. Trotsky is handed an order authorising his deportation in 1929. Trotsky will never see Russia again. **Trotsky's expulsion was not the simple outcome of a duel between his personality, and Stalin's. Rather, it was a radical struggle between Trotsky's principles of 'Permanent Revolution', and Stalin's bureaucratic defense of 'Socialism in one Country'.** OK. Every European and North American state refuses him asylum. As these 2 continents own the other three, the Planet Earth is without a visa for Trotsky... Outcast, stripped of political power, Trotsky is left with the weapon of his youth: His pen. In exile Trotsky develops a Leninist analysis of world politics. From 1929 onwards he warns the communist movement, and the world, about the growing crisis in Germany...

Revolution betrayed:

In 1936 Trotsky wrote his last major work, *The Revolution Betrayed*. In it he presents a complete, detailed criticism of Stalinism. It was the first attempt by a Marxist leader to grapple with the problems of the bureaucracy.

Stalin announces the first five year plan in October 1928; a crash programme of industrialisation. To succeed, Stalin says the 'exploitative kulaks' must be eliminated as a class, and collectivisation of the farms begins... Many millions perish of famine in 1932-33 because of Stalin's ruthless agrarian policy.

The Popular front:

The 7th Congress of the Communist International meets in 1935. Its delegates are not aware that this is the last Comintern meeting. The Bulgarian leader Dimitroff places the burden of the German working class defeat on the shoulders of the German Communist Party. The Popular front is announced. It is conceived as an alliance between the communist parties and the "democratic bourgeoisie" to defend democracy. Trotsky denounces it as a gross caricature of the United front.

The Purges:

In August 1936, Zinoviev, Kamenev, and 14 other old Bolsheviks, are put on trial and executed. This is only the beginning of other trials, other executions of top Soviet officials, old Bolsheviks and oppositionists. The outcome of the first five-year plan in 1933 had been disastrous. Stalin needed scapegoats. By the end of 1938 the Stalinist terror had claimed 3,000,000 victims. Stalin destroyed every possible alternative to himself. The picture was bleak by 1939. Trotsky, sole survivor? Not quite... Lev prepared for the founding conference of the Fourth International which took place in September 1938 in Paris. It was a gathering of Trotskyists from eleven countries. On the eve of the holocaust Trotsky re-affirms his belief in the ultimate destiny of the oppressed workers and peasants of the world. **Their right to rule!**

Trotsky, Russia:

Exiled, Trotsky went from Turkey to France, Norway, and to Mexico where he spent the last 3 years of his life.

On 20 August 1940. A G.P.U. agent, Ramon Mercader, assassinated Lev by a blow from an ice-pick to the skull. Trotsky died the next day, and was buried in Mexico City...

13-DEC-86. H-5-D-Wing:

This essay, is a general view of the emergence of the ^{IRSP} ~~IRSP~~, what it arose from, what historical needs, and conditions, gave birth to it. What role it has played, and what role it still has to play. Another essay, aimed at analysing its faults, criticising the root-cause of these; and proposing the necessary remedies, will be forthcoming: 4th December 1974, is the date when the ^{IRSP} ~~IRSP~~ public, formally announced its formation. It didn't spring up fully formed, out of the blue, it, like everything else, had its roots in history. Going back to the 1960's, and the leftward direction which the Republican Movement was embarking on. The Republican Movement at that time, as indeed throughout its history, was not a monolithic movement, ideologically united and disciplined in its strategy and tactics. It contained an element which embraced the old traditional militarist approach, to resolving the 'National Question'. Whilst its biggest element, was the now avowedly Socialist element, which embraced the old and their approach, involving Republican participation in all Social and political views and issues, of the day; throughout the entire country. A trend was already developing "within" this element, a very influential, and leading sector, which whilst spouting the Socialist approach, and the need for armed struggle to confront imperialism, and its allies; was working towards a fully reformist position re the National Question, with an abandonment altogether of an armed confrontation with imperialism. Yet there was a smaller element again, which maintained that both the National Question, and the Social Question, were inextricably bound-up together; that both, must go forward together i.e. The National liberation struggle in the 6 co. state, along side the 'Class struggle', in all of Ireland. This element, was personified primarily, in Seamus Costello.

The events of 1969, in the 6 co. state, plus the dropping of the abstentionist policy of the Republican movement, resulted in a crisis emerging, among the above elements. Leading to the, mainly traditionalists, splitting, to form the Provisional Republican movement. It was one of those events in history, that while those who had split, were right, as regards having to confront imperialism in the 6 co. state; At the same time they lacked the ideological outlook and ability to expand the struggle, to mobilise the mass of the Irish people, in active support of the struggle. Whilst on the other hand; those who probably possessed the ability to do so, were leading towards a reformist position, and the denial of a struggle for National liberation altogether; this was the Officials. The position of part of those, who stayed with the Official Republican movement, i.e. Costello e.t.c. was one in which, they saw the best possible conditions existing, for the development of a Revolutionary Movement.

The events of 1969, had resulted in an influx of, new members, into both the Officials and the Provisionals to fight against British rule. And whilst the provisionals engaged in a far larger role in this fight, the officials were also very active, basically, the rank and file wanted to expand the struggle, while coming up against a leadership resolved in stopping the struggle altogether. The introduction of internment in August 1971 was a blessing in disguise for this leadership, as it allowed them to gradually wind down their involvement in the struggle. As many militants were interned, arm supplies began to dry up e.t.c. But this didn't go by without some opposition. Early moves, which may have lead perhaps to a split in 1972, concerned Joe McCann and others, who were aware of the leaderships intentions to call a cease-fire, to which they were totally opposed. Though this ended as Joe

M'Cann was shot dead by the British army in April 1972. The officials declared a cease-fire in May 1972. Seamus Costello, in later years, declared that he should have split there and then, instead of continuing to work inside the officials to try to change it. He hated splits, as they led to demoralization, acrimony, and possible feuds. The Officials' leadership refused to accept that a struggle against imperialism was in progress; their line was, that the struggle in the 6 co. state divided the working class Protestants and Catholics, and that they first must unite them, before they could challenge imperialism... This was a false strategy, which ignored the fundamental fact, that partition and all that it implies, divides the working class. And that this must be removed, to achieve the unity of the working class... Throughout 72/73 more militant policies were promoted in the officials, in relation to the National Question. But the leadership frustrated and refused to implement these. Instead, they launched a concerted campaign to isolate the main Protagonist of this more revolutionary line. Which resulted in Costello being suspended in 1973. From here onwards the divergence between Costello, and the now openly reformist leadership, was out in the open. Much discussion took place all over the country, and inside the jails, on their respective positions, with the leadership of the Officials, trying to stifle debate, taunting people, issuing threats, and finally expulsions, especially Costello at the 1974 Ard Fheis. The dismissal of Seamus, formalised what was already a fact, the parting of the ways, of a Revolutionary, and Reformist, strategy, on the National Question. Costello was already in the process of forming a new party when he was formally dismissed, and events now proceeded at a quickened pace over the remaining months of 1974, with Revolutionary Republicans, Socialists, and Trade Unionists, coming together, to form the: I.R.S.P. The same process took place at the Officials cage in Long Kesh, when it was announced in December 1974 that this new party had been formed. The Slogan, under which it was launched, was: "for National Liberation and a Socialist Republic".

Its announcement resulted in widespread defections from the officials, all over the country. i.e. those who had been the most active, and politically conscious members. The leadership of the officials, in order to halt this, and wipe out the I.R.S.P., loosed armed attacks on I.R.S.P. members in Belfast, during early 1975. After several months of feuding, three I.R.S.P. members were dead, and many others wounded... The arms which the Officials had starved, and denied their own membership to confront imperialism, had been delivered in plenty, in a counter-revolutionary manner, to be used against those who had formed a new movement in order to confront imperialism.

This onslaught, brought a halt to the resignations from the Officials; it also frightened off people who would have joined the I.R.S.P. from outside the ~~left~~ Republican movement, and overall, it badly effected the growth of the party. At this point, we must examine, what made the I.R.S.P. different, from both the Officials and Provisionals.

Officials, on the National Question: That it couldn't be resolved until the Protestant and Catholic working class united. That the 6 co. state could be democratized. That a Bill of Rights was needed. e.t.c. e.t.c. This position ruled out the National Liberation Struggle. It ignored the fundamental, Sectarian nature, of the artificial 6 co. state, and how the Brits through this, maintained their rule and influence over the entire country.

Provisionals: At this time, they still had a one sided concentration on the National Question. They were still controlled by the old traditional leadership, which advocated a 'federal solution'. which Gerry Adams was later to refer to as, 'a sop to loyalism'. They concentrated on the Military effort, to the exclusion of Revolutionary politics throughout Ireland. They maintained their abstentionist position. Costello criticised the Provisionals, for their elitist and conspiratorial approach, which was no substitute for the development of

a peoples struggle.

I.R.S.P.: Most of what follows, are the direct words of Seamus Costello, upon outlining the program of the I.R.S.P. "We must make no secret of the fact, that we are a Revolutionary Socialist Party, prepared to give leadership on the streets, and in the elected chambers. And that we are out for a Socialist Republic [or a Revolutionary Socialist State]. Part of that struggle, for a Socialist State, entails resolving the National Liberation struggle, and ending British imperialist intervention. We stand for the unity of the Anti-imperialist struggle, and a class struggle. What are the vital social issues of the day? Along with the National Question, there exist many strands to the Anti-imperialist struggle. To hold the National Question above all others, is to isolate oneself from the people, and result in inevitable defeat. We must involve the masses, in issues which affect them. Political agitation, propaganda e.t.c. should not be confined to the six Counties." On Abstentionism: There is no parliamentary road to Socialism. But, elected members should use such chambers as a platform, for the pursuit of our policies, and for achieving publicity for them. But members elected to parliament e.t.c. would have to be active in politics outside the parliament i.e. in extra-parliamentary and agitational politics, on the streets. We see both parliamentary institutions in Ireland, as institutions that must be abolished, if we are to make progress towards establishing a Socialist Republic. When we say that we are not an abstentionist party, we mean we are not a party, in principle, committed to abstention. But there are circumstances, and conditions, under which it might be desirable, at any particular point in time, to abstain from parliament, and if we felt it was tactically desirable, we would do so.

Ultimate goal: To end imperialist rule in Ireland, and establishing a 32 county democratic Socialist Republic. With the Working Class in control of the means of production, distribution, and exchange.

Broad front: This advocates the maximum degree of Anti-imperialist unity. We recognise the absolute necessity of securing a constitutional solution to the present crisis, which will allow the Irish Working Class the freedom to pursue their interests as a class, in the context of the development of, normal class politics. In our view, the first step in securing a constitutional solution which meets this requirement, must be for Britain to concede, the right of the Irish people to exercise total sovereignty over their own affairs. This objective, can only be obtained through the creation of a unified struggle on the part of all anti-imperialist organisations. We would therefore support, the formation of an anti-imperialist front, composed of delegates from affiliated organisations, who support the agreed political program of the front. The primary objective of the front, would be to mobilise the maximum degree of support. And assistance, from its affiliated organisations, to enable it to open a Head Office, with a full time staff. The front should be seen, as the leadership of a mass movement against all forms of imperialist control and interference in Ireland. We propose the following political demands, as the basis on which an Irish Anti-imperialist front, should organise:

- A) That Britain must renounce all claims to sovereignty over any part of Ireland or its coastal waters.
- B) That Britain must immediately disarm, and disband, the U.D.R. R.U.C. and R.U.C. reserve, and withdraw all troops from Ireland.
- C) That the British, and 26 co. government, must immediately release all political prisoners, and grant a general amnesty for all offences arising from the current conflict.
- D) That Britain must agree to compensate all who have suffered as a result of imperialist violence and exploitation in Ireland.
- E) Recognising that no country can be free and independent while it permits imperialist domination

of its economic life, the Anti-imperialist front, will oppose all forms of imperialist control over wealth and resources.

F That the front rejects a federal solution; and the continued existence of two separate states in the 6 and 26 counties, as a denial of the Right of the Irish People to Sovereignty, and recognizes the only alternative as being, the creation of a 32 county democratic Republic, with a Secular Constitution.

G That the front demands, the convening of an All Ireland Constitutional Conference, representative of all shades of political opinion in Ireland; for the purpose of discussing a democratic and secular constitution; which would become effective immediately following, a total British Military and political withdrawal, from Ireland.

These were the primary differences between the 'I.R.S.P.', the 'Officials', and the 'Provisionals', when Seamus Costello launched the Party, in December, 1974.

After the onslaught by the Officials ended in mid-1975, the movement strove to structure and stabilize its organisation. By late 1975, the Party was organized on an All-Ireland basis with approximately 800 members. It produced a quarterly internal bulletin, which promoted debate on matters of policy, strategy, and tactics, within the Party. And it also produced a monthly paper: The Starry Plough. Its main activity was to promote the concept of the Broad front in support of the National Liberation Struggle. While also campaigning on Trade Union issues, Women's issues, unemployment e.t.c. On March 12th 1977, it convened the first Anti-imperialist conference, at the Spa Hotel; Though these talks at the conference, unfortunately broke down.

1976, Giron Mouth; Seen a concerted attack by the 'Free State' to smash the I.R.S.P. after a train robbery in county Kildare. Over 40, members of the Party, and relatives; were arrested. The so-called 'Heavy Gang' marked down 14 of these people, for indepth interrogation. Nine were severely tortured, and six were framed for the robbery. The I.R.S.P. Offices were ransacked, and files burned, and stolen. The Party launched a campaign to highlight the torture, frame up, denial of legal rights e.t.c. And also initiated civil proceedings against the state for damages. This resulted in Civil Liberty groups, Trade Unions e.t.c. in Ireland, and abroad, calling for an impartial public inquiry. It also resulted in bringing, to Ireland, for the first time, 'Amnesty International': its findings reported evidence of widespread Garda brutality. The "Heavy Gang" by this time being internationally notorious. It also found, that the trial of those framed, "failed to scrutinize such allegations according to the principles of law", and called for an impartial inquiry. The Government and the State, highly embarrassed by the whole episode, whitewashed the involvement of the Gardai. It sentenced two of our Party members to 12 years imprisonment, while another, fled abroad. The campaign to free those convicted, again attracted National and international dimensions. And both were freed on appeal in 1980, the appeal court giving no reason for freeing them. Nicky Kelly came back to clear his name, and was likewise imprisoned for 12 years. Another campaign resulted, and after a Hunger-strike, and widespread protests, he was released too.

In the 6.co. State, and other parts of these islands, the movement actively confronted imperialism. Many members being killed or wounded, with many more being imprisoned. At every stage of the struggle, the movement was involved, from participating in the 'Relatives Action Committees', in support of the restoration of Political Status for Political Prisoners; through to, the formation of the 'National H-Block Committee', and to the formation of the 'Relatives for Justice', to campaign against the paid pursuer system. Its members in jail, escaped on two occasions, in 1975 and 76. And also embarked upon the Blanket Protest. And ^{were} involved in both major Hunger-strikes in 1980, and 81. In which Three I.N.L.A. members died, along-side 7 P.I.R.A. members... ALL members of the movement, who have been killed while confronting imperialism, who have been assassinated,

and have died on Hunger-strike, are all worthy equals, their loss equally regretted and mourned by us all.

The assassination of Seamus Costello, was a severe body blow, not only to the I.R.S.P. but to the whole anti-imperialist struggle, and the struggle for a Socialist Republic in Ireland. The sheer stature of the revolutionary, Seamus Costello, is far too great for what can possibly be expressed in feeble words. Yet words are the only way to express and convey this stature, albeit in a feeble way. In finishing this section, we quote the following:

"Seamus was the greatest follower of my father's teachings in this generation, and I hope that his example shall be followed; and that his vision for Ireland, will be realised in this generation." [Nora Connolly O'Brien.] "Seamus was in fact, the most sincere man I have ever had the pleasure to know." [Father Piaras O'Duill.] "Without doubt, he was the greatest threat to the capitalist establishment since James Connolly." [Sean Doyle.] "Seamus Costello spoke for the I.R.S.P. and gave a scintillating display of good humour, history, politics, and hard facts. No one, who listened to this 3 hours in the afternoon, and, by unanimous demand, 2 hours additional repeat, in the evening; Now doubts that they will either have to shoot him, or jail him, or get out of his way. Because they certainly won't stop him. Costello, the revolutionary, Marxist Socialist, whose ambition is a secular, pluralist, United Socialist Republic, won't go away; until he gets it." [Dr. Noel Browne.]

from 1964-74, he held the positions of A.D.S. General, Chief of Staff, and Director of Operations, in the O.I.R.A. And the position of Vice President of Official Sinn Féin. from 1974, to his assassination on the 5th October 1977, he held the position of Chief of Staff, and Director of Operations, in the I.N.L.A. At the time of Seamus's death he was a member of the following bodies: Wicklow County Council. Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture. General Council of Committees of Agriculture. Eastern Regional Development Committee. Bray Urban District Council. Bray Branch of I.T.C.W.U. Bray and District Trade Union Council, of which he was president in 1976-77. The Historical Society. And, Chairman of the I.R.S.P.

As can be seen, he personified with himself what he ardently expounded and pursued throughout his life, the unity of the National Liberation Struggle, and the Class Struggle, and how they must go forward together. founder of the I.R.S.P. and I.N.L.A., Costello left no doubt, even when launching the Broad front Policy, where his allegiance, priority and aim lay, when he stated: "I owe my allegiance only to the working class," following in the direct revolutionary tradition of James Connolly himself, who expressed his own position in the same words. This is the example he set for us to emulate...

So far, we have seen the roots from which the I.R.S.P. arose, i.e. the leftward direction taken by the Republican Movement in the 1960's. We have seen the historical conditions, and needs, that gave birth to our Party i.e. on the one hand, the concentration on the National Question; and the abandonment of the National Question on the other. The need arising, to forge, both the National Struggle and the Class struggle, together. We have seen the role it played i.e. in promoting the Broad front Policy, confronting imperialism, participating in all stages of the struggle, in jail, on the streets, And finally we seen the outstanding role that Seamus Costello played. We now come to the final section. What role has it still to play? "We must make no secret of the fact, that we are a revolutionary Party, prepared to give leadership on the streets, and in the elected chambers. And that we're out for a revolutionary Socialist State."

What we must do, is examine, the above statement by Seamus Costello, and draw all the necessary implications from it. A Revolutionary Party, must have a Revolutionary ideology. An ideology that enables us to analyse the World, the forces at work in the World, and plan a campaign, based on this analysis. A campaign that is consistent, principled, and bold in its implementation. Marxism, as a guide to action, is such an ideology. It represents the historical interests of the working class - which, through the medium of a revolutionary party, aims to overthrow the Capitalist Order, and begin the construction of communism...

We must make no secret of the fact that we are such a Party. Make no secret of what we stand for, and aim for. We cannot try to fool the Irish people. We must recognise that it is, fatal, to confuse and deceive them. We must define our Socialist Republic, explain exactly what it entails. Innuendoes, vagueness, and good intentions, is not enough. We must define all this, with the utmost clarity, so that the Irish people are under no illusion of what we're fighting for.

A Revolutionary Socialist Party, means that we must engage in revolutionary politics throughout all of Ireland, both on the streets and in the elected chambers. It means that we must first identify the major contradiction in Ireland today - which is, the continued occupation by the British, of the 6 co. State, and the resulting denial of our Right to Self-determination and Sovereignty. The resolution of the National Question, partition, and all the evils and divisions that spring from it; entails a struggle against imperialism. It entails the mobilisation of the Mass of the Irish people in the struggle for National liberation. But, it doesn't mean confining ourselves solely to the National Question. As we said before, there are many strands to the anti-imperialist struggle. It means involvement in campaigns against unemployment, emigration, repression, etc. involvement in the Trade Unions, action groups; Everything... we must agitate, spread propaganda, and organise around all these issues. There is no easy road to a Socialist Republic, no short-cuts; We must strive towards uniting, and politicising, the Working Class, no matter what obstacles confront us in our task. For, we can not win our struggle without the Working Class. We cannot make the revolution without them, without their active participation, in a united and politically conscious manner. We need to be able to bring, to expression, their deeply felt aspirations and Social needs. To bring to the fore, their underlying Anti-imperialist sentiment. Exposing the Class nature of the Irish State, the establishment parties etc. which act to repress, jail, and crush their own people, in order to protect British rule in Ireland. We must be able to inject into the struggle, or rather, to call forth from the people, the values and ideals of Solidarity, self-sacrifice, non-sectarianism, unity, and internationalism. Values that transcend individualistic existence; that lead to greater 'Awareness', greater participation, and greater dedication and confidence in oneself. We must be able to inspire the people, if we are to change the World... But, let's get something straight: We cannot get this across to the Working Class, unless we are actually living and acting, upon those values and ideals... The Working Class know who are phoney, who are hypocrites, pseudo-revolutionaries, careerists, etc. None of these, have a place in, any, revolutionary Party... We must show by our actions, that we are true, to those values. Deeds speak louder than words. It doesn't matter, in the least, if some people, or organisation(s), of whatever position, regardless. We must be vigilant that we don't sink into the morass of sectarianism, mixing, pettiness, unprincipled slanging matches etc. which are counter-revolutionary; and only give succour to the enemy, and confuse and divide the working class. We must maintain our criticism of anybody, or any organisation(s) on principled grounds. And likewise, must have the courage of our own convictions, not to bow to official public opinion, with all its prejudices which have been carefully manufactured and promoted, by those poisoners of the peoples' minds: The Bourgeois controlled media, the Church, and the apologists etc.

We must also present our vision of what a Revolutionary Socialist State means. When we say in our programme that we want to establish a 32 county Socialist State, with the working class in control of the means of production, distribution and exchange. We must be able to take this, and decipher it, for the working class to understand what it means. They must be able to relate directly to it. We must be able to get it across that a new independent Ireland, is only possible, through a revolutionary change in the ownership of our wealth and resources; that it must be rebuilt on a totally new basis. That it means expropriating the capitalists, allied to imperialism,

of their control, and ownership of, the means of production. Of organising our economy to produce not for the profit of the capitalist class [the bourgeoisie], but for the needs of the Irish people. Of promoting values by which we can all build a new life, on a truly human basis. Becoming more human, human beings. We need to explain everything else that springs from this, in understandable language, and not, in academic jargonized phrases. About planning, Democracy, and the progressive development of every individual, arousing a revolutionary consciousness.

There also exists, at this stage of the struggle, the need to ask the question: What forces can bring the National Question to a successful conclusion? Only the working class, through playing the leading role in the struggle, can bring about a successful conclusion. Those capitalist parties in the 6 and 26 co. states have no interest in solving the National Question, but do have an immense interest in crushing those who are trying to resolve it. Both maintain their rule through partition, and in turn permit imperialism to dominate all aspects of our life. Cannot maintain, that only the working class could bring about a victorious conclusion to the age old struggle for National independence, and sovereignty. For, besides predicting that the capitalist class in Ireland would always compromise with imperialism, he also expanded on the concept that the working class were the 'only' class who possessed an 'ideal' involving the complete overthrow, and reversal, of the political, economic, and social consequences, of the conquest of Ireland. Thereby meaning, the overthrow of the capitalist system. The ideal which the working class alone possess, being the ideal of a communist way of life. To quote Seamus Costello again: "British policy must be viewed in the light of their attitude towards Ireland as a whole. Not, just the 6 counties. What Britain wants, is to maintain her influence over the whole island... Her Military and political intervention in the north, is simply a means of maintaining this influence, and this control. Britain knows that if she is compelled to withdraw from the north, she loses all control over the economy, the wealth and resources of this country. She knows that there is a good chance of the creation of a Socialist State. Britain, and the E.E.C. [European Economic Community] countries also, would be conscious of the effect of a Socialist State in Ireland, on the western European working class... [Domino Effect] A Socialist Revolution in Ireland would be an inspiration to people all over Western Europe. The E.E.C. countries have a vested interest, as well, as Britain, in ensuring that there is no change in the status quo in Ireland". And again: "It is still Britain's objective to find and impose a political solution which will guarantee the continued protection of Britain's economic and strategic interests in both parts of Ireland. Britain also acts as the local protector of other imperial interests in Ireland, i.e. The E.E.C. countries, U.S.A. and Canada, all of which have a powerful vested interest in supporting a British imposed solution in Ireland. Finally, of course Britain's strategic interests must be protected, through the imposition of a 'solution' which will ensure that Ireland continues its present policy of pro-imperialist 'Neutrality'". Both these quotes were written in 1975, and 1976, respectively.

When we see this basic unity of the imperialist powers, with their capitalist allies in Ireland; when we view it in the light of the Anglo-Irish Treaty [15-Nov-85], and the enthusiastic support which these imperialist countries gave to it, when we now see, just today: 15th August 1986, the Chief of Staff of the Irish Army, publicly condemning the whole struggle; it doesn't take much foresight to know that a concerted attack on the whole struggle, is on the cards... Thus again, we must, repeat the Q: What forces can bring the National Question to a successful conclusion? At the moment we have a pro-imperialist unity of forces. The basis of the 'Broad front' policy, is to maximise the support for the Anti-imperialist struggle. Its aim is to constantly strengthen and enlarge the ranks of the people, of those all opposed to imperialist rule. And constantly, weakening, dividing, and isolating, the ranks of the

imperialists, and their allies in Ireland. The Working Class, being the only class which will not sell out, and compromise with imperialism, must therefore play the leading role in this struggle. The petty bourgeois, the small farmers, and other groups which are potentially hostile to imperialism, cannot play the leading role in the struggle. We must try and unite them all, under the banner of the Broad Front. When outlined earlier, in the program of the Broad front, for a constitutional conference e.t.c. we must make it clear, that we don't see this as a so-called "stages" process, in which for example; once we have got rid of the brits, we will go through a period of capitalist rule, Democratization etc. If we see the Working Class as the only class capable of resolving the National Question; if we see the Working Class as playing the leading role in a Broad front, through the medium of a revolutionary party; and if we see the Broad front encompassing the mass of the Irish people, then the scenario arises of the question of, power, being on the order of the day, for the Working Class to seize power... The whole question of a Constitutional Conference, will be to decide the question of 'power' anyhow. This will depend on the correlation of forces, within, and outside the country... It will open up a period of intense struggle between the two fundamental camps: Ireland continuing as a dependent capitalist country controlled and dominated by imperialism, or, firmly establishing our sovereignty and building a revolutionary Socialist State... There is, no, middle road between the two. The battle may be delayed or postponed, but, must eventually be fought... We must be under no illusions about this, if we are to be successful in our confrontation. In J. Connolly's words: "We cannot conceive of a free Ireland, with a subject working class. We cannot conceive of a subject Ireland, with a free working class."

We come once more to the role of a Revolutionary Party, which is absolutely essential, if we are to be successful. Without that clear guiding role, without a revolutionary ideology, without an analysis of the forces arranged against us, without the application of the correct tactics and strategy; then the struggle will fail. It will be sidetracked into compromise, if not defeated, by failing to appraise the over-all situation correctly, and becoming isolated from the mass of the people. We must build a Revolutionary Party...

All of the above, is what must be done. It is the basis of what we will still fight for, for the role we still have to play. This is what a Revolutionary Party must be, what it must engage in, what it must do to help make the revolution. The tasks that confront us are difficult, it entails a long struggle. Set-backs, disappointments; and possible, at times maybe probable, death... We should again be under no illusions about what lies ahead. It is only by; strengthening ourselves ideologically, inculcating in ourselves the values and ideals of the struggle, and building up the ranks of the Revolutionary Party, that we will make it. Finally, we must, constantly review, criticize, and self-criticize, all aspects of our actions, policies, tactics e.t.c. And keep appraising the whole situation. And keep striving to raise the class consciousness, spirit, and capacity to fight, and win, of the Working Class...

Workers of the World, Unite...

The year 1974, was to be an important year for Republican Socialists in Long Kesh i.e. for the group of prisoners who came under the Official Republican Movement. Because, it was in December 1974 that a small, but significant, number left the officials and gave their support to Seamus Costello's Party, which was the newly formed I.R.S.P. [Irish Republican Socialist Party]. Since the ceasefire period in 1972, until late 1974, the mood of the officials, in all prisons, was far from being tranquil. There was a general feeling of disillusionment among prisoners in the Officials' cage, as to the inactivity and lack of

principled leadership from the movement on the outside. The excuse put forward by the leadership, for the halt of the armed struggle, was that it was counter-productive, and a temporary tactic. This was being rejected by a substantial number of prisoners. This, was at a time when the brits were brutally hammering the Irish people, torturing, and interning at will. So, one could say that the situation in the cage in Long Kesh, was of great discontent, and extremely inflammable; one spark being all that was required, to unite the revolutionary nucleus which had been ceaselessly critical, since the ceasefire in May 1972.

Reports had been filtering into the Kesh for some time, about Seamus Costello and his attempts to pull the movement away from the slippery slope leading to the abandonment of the anti-imperialist struggle, and an acceptance of the reformist path. The final straw came, when at the 1974 Ard Fheis, after Seamus's proposals had been supported by the majority of delegates, and were brushed aside by the leadership, and Seamus himself was formally dismissed. Over the following months, his position was constantly debated in the cage. People were in contact with him, and when the I.R.S.P. was publicly declared as a separate party; a meeting was called, and held, in one of the huts in Cage 11. An attempt was made to read out a document in support of Seamus Costello, and when this was denied by the Cage Staff, all those who were in favour of the newly formed movement got up and left the meeting. They held their own meeting, which was to form a branch of the I.R.S.P. This was Dec, 1974.

The numerical strength of this new group was between 20 and 25, mainly Belfast men. The problem for the newly formed I.R.S.P. was to get away from the officials, and to press for a cage of their own. And, to acquire Camp Council recognition. At this period of time in the Kesh, a representative from each grouping: Provisionals, Officials, U.D.A. and U.V.F. met the prison administration regularly, to discuss matters concerning the general running of the camp. This was De Facto P.O.W. status.

The separation of the I.R.S.P. from the Officials, came a short time after the split, and especially once the onslaught by the Officials, and some minor scuffles broke out; the I.R.S.P. were given their own cage: 13. Although morale among the I.R.S.P. members was very high, they still had not achieved Camp Council recognition. Until this had been acquired, the future would be unsure and unstable. So, it was decided that a Hunger Strike should be embarked upon to gain Political Status i.e. Camp Council recognition. A number went on hunger strike. During this, Supporters outside, blocked dozens of main roads with vehicles, to draw attention to the prisoners' demands... The Prison administration gave in, in early 1975. Shortly after this, five I.R.S.P. prisoners escaped from the magistrates' courts in Chichester Street, Belfast. And in May 1976, another successful escape was made by nine I.R.S.P. prisoners from cage 5, by way of a tunnel. These, were early morale boosters for the I.R.S.P. But, shortly things began to change. Newly sentenced prisoners were no longer denoted as Political Prisoners. The brits were now pursuing a new policy, and the infamous H-blocks were built, to house all prisoners. The 1st March 1976, was the date of the implementation of the brits criminalisation policy... Any Republican, captured on, or after, this date; would no longer receive "Special Category Status", as the brits called it; or 'Political Status', as the rational world recognized it. All prisoners, were to now be treated as common criminals, without any political recognition at all. The effects of this would be felt, not only inside the prisons. Because, Criminalisation was an attempt to criminalize not only the prisoners, but the entire struggle. It was immediately realised by all Republican, and Republican Socialist organisations, that the British had again re-drawn the lines of confrontation, and opened up another battle front on 'their' terms, and in conditions of their choice. The prisons were the new battle zones, at the centre of which, was the H-blocks of Long Kesh... And defeat here, for either side engaged, was possibly the beginning of the end. Suddenly, captured republicans, were thrown back into an active role, and again to the forefront of the struggle. Their courage, resolve, and mettle, would be tested to the full. The

tremendous responsibility which was imposed on them, was a heavy burden to carry, but carry it they did... With the ending of "Status", came the end of Segregation. The effects of this on our movement was more profound, than is sometimes realised. Because of our numerical weakness, we were always a minority within the broad Republican family, and this created further problems to our movement. The tempo and pace, was always set by the I.R.A. [Irish Republican Army], but we always retained our separate organisational structures, independence, and identity. Regardless of the difficulties involved, while simultaneously contributing to the general course of protest / resistance being embarked upon against criminalization, at various stages and times during these protest years, there were differences of opinion, between us and them, re how things should or shouldn't develop; but, irrespective of that point, it is basically true to say, that the impetus was in the hands of the Brits... and Republicans of all shades had to adapt and react to the conditions they found themselves in. These conditions were often harsh and brutal, and under such circumstances, men genuinely bound together in the face of a common enemy. The attitude taken by our members, was that we are Republican Socialists, first, and members of a specific movement, second. And in accordance with this, it was incumbent upon us, to follow the general development of the protest, e.t.c.

The early years of the protest, were filled mainly with the refusal to work or wear prison clothes; this led to confinement in the cell, and the beginning of the blanket protest. The escalation of the protest came in March 1978 with the beginning of the 'No wash/cleaning out, strike'. The stakes were risen, and the Brits, determined to succeed, gave the sanction for the escalation of the brutal and vicious onslaught, waged by the administration, which was designed to break the prisoners' spirit and resistance. The onslaught was a signal to the prisoners that the Brits were determined to succeed, as they were brutal. And with this, came concrete realisation, that defeat here, for either side, would result in strengthening the opponents position, immensely... Outside the jails, saw the mobilization of opinion in support of the prisoners five basic demands. This gradually gathered in strength and momentum, and towards the end of 1980, things would begin to shape up, for the final phase, of this prolonged battle... At this point it is worth noting, that our movement was heavily involved and represented, at each stage and development of the protest, both inside, and outside the prison. Towards the end of 1980, the first hunger strike was embarked upon, by seven prisoners - One of them being the O.C. of the I.R.S.P. in the H-Blocks. This ended, without the loss of life. But, with the issue still unresolved. Then a second hunger-strike was embarked upon, on 1st March, 1981. And on that same day the 'no wash' e.t.c. strike, was to cease. This was a purely tactical plan, as lessons from the last hunger-strike, had been well learned, so we were making it difficult for British duplicity, and treachery, to function. Mass mobilization was undertaken on the streets. This was co-ordinated by the National H-Blocks/Armagh Committee, a conglomeration of many different and varying organisations under one banner. The I.R.S.P. was an active and committed participant on this committee. This period in Irish history, will undoubtedly be looked back upon as the watershed in this final phase, of the struggle of our people... The hunger-strike ended on the 3rd, October, 1981, after 217 days, with the loss of ten brave and courageous revolutionary republicans. Their sacrifice, signalled to the world, that the struggle of our people was, just, popular, and undeniably political. Criminalization was defeated, the British lost a major battle, and the events of 1981 presented an opportunity, and conditions, for Sinn Féin to adopt a policy of electoral intervention, which dealt another major, and totally unexpected, blow to the British occupation of our country. Our Movement played a full and committed role in the history of this period, on the streets, the

I.R.S.P. mobilized in support of the prisoners. And in the Prisons, our members stood steadfast and firm. Three of our Movement's finest volunteers lost their young lives on hunger-strike...

The British were forced to make major concessions; and the wearing of our own clothes was the foundation from which we set about building, and securing, the conditions and environment, we have today. The ending of the hunger-strike, saw a difference in opinions emerging, firstly, within the I.R.A. and secondly, between them and our movement, in regards to our next move. Some sections believed that nothing more could be achieved by remaining on the isolated protest blocks, and they believed we should all go down into the "working blocks", and make our next move from there. There was no general consensus at that time, within the I.R.A. for this attitude; and so, men started to leave of their own accord. Our men, and staff, believed in moving into the working blocks to facilitate the next step. But we realised we were on our own, numerically impotent. But that still didn't take away from the principle of believing we were right, and doing the correct thing, at the correct time. Other factors were that we could work in unison, as a movement, and carry out whatever was practical and feasible, to strengthen our position. Two months after the hunger strike, on 3rd December 1981, our movement left the isolated blocks, and went into the mixed wings. It wasn't until a year later, that the main body of the I.R.A. ended the "no work" strike, and therefore ended the isolation blocks. Over a period of time, beforehand, they had infiltrated groups of men, into the working blocks, to build up their structures. The sheer weight of numbers, overwhelmed the loyalist prisoners, and a campaign was embarked upon, to get segregation. It is true to say, that it was the I.R.A. which was primarily behind the planning of this, though our men in the wings, again contributed. The loyalists finally embarked upon a protest, which meant moving them to isolation blocks; thus, segregation was initially achieved.

So far, we have spent our time tracing the very broad history of the I.R.S.P. in this goal. With that knowledge behind us, no man should be under any illusions about our historical roots in the struggle, which took place in here, to achieve the conditions we presently enjoy. The struggle was a battle and a hard slog, in which we all suffered many personal hardships. Three of our finest men: Patsy O'Hara, Kevin Lynch, and Michael Deline, gave their lives. We must ask ourselves; why? These men died to restore the political recognition of our prisoners, in an effort to thwart any attempt to criminalize our struggle. What we enjoy now, is de facto political recognition. The question now is; what do we do? How do we make best use, of the conditions we now enjoy? We must first realise, that each and every one of us, owe a debt to those men, who sacrificed their lives, for us... The way to repay this, is to make the best possible use of the conditions they made for us. We can do this by politicizing ourselves, so that we can return to the struggle, to strengthen and bolster it e.t.c. The more, politically aware people, who leave this prison, and return to the struggle, the quicker the struggle will develop, and succeed. It is therefore necessary, to draw up a programme for the I.R.S.P. in the jail, and it is incumbent of everyone of our members to follow the programme, with all their energy and enthusiasm... Workers of the World, Unite...

The Republican Socialist Movement's position, in relation to, the Republican Movement:

This document, is designed to clarify our movement's position, in relation to the Republican Movement. And through this, expose and promote, a fundamental position of principle on which our Movement stood from its inception: "The formation of an Anti-imperialist Broad Front in Ireland", and still

adhere to today. It is further hoped that after reading and discussing this document in, open, critical, and in a positive manner, that all Republican Socialists will embrace the Broad front concept, with the enthusiasm and urgency it demands... There exists in Ireland today, two organisations, both engaged in a popular legitimate struggle; using armed force and political agitation, ~~for~~ against British imperialism. In the pursuance of a new Ireland; A 32 co. Socialist Republic. The two organisations are, the Republican Movement and the Republican Socialist Movement. The short term aims of both organisations are identical: National liberation. However, the long term objective of both organisations, is not so clear cut. On the one hand, it can be said, that the I.R.S.P., Rep Soc mov; have embraced, as a policy, the creation of a 32 co. Socialist Republic, along Marxist-Leninist lines, thereby defining an ideology. [though not with the clarity that it ~~would~~ ^{warrants}]. On the other hand, Sinn Féin, Rep mov; is presently in a state of confusion as the conflicting strands, of class and political allegiances, continue to act as a damper towards true progress, and a clear definition of ideology for that movement.

It's not surprising, that some individuals may view the presence of two movements, waging armed struggle against a common enemy, as unnecessary. If our ultimate goal was merely the ejection of the British presence from Ireland, then the presence of the Rep/Soc/Mov, would indeed be unnecessary. However, our ultimate goal is not that, just as it was not Connolly's goal. As can be seen throughout his writings and teachings, such as when he spoke to the I.C.A. before Easter 1916, saying: "hold on to your rifles, as those who we now fight with, may stop short of our goal..." So, it is with us - We are, through the concept of, a Broad front along principled class lines, the guarantor, that our goal - the people's goal - will not be bought off, nor compromised. Our Movement's roots are firmly planted in the Connolly mould; and it is from him, among others, that we draw our inspiration, and have formulated certain policies. An ignorance of why we are here, among certain individuals, who hold deeply prejudiced and elitist opinions; has led in the past, to a souring of relations between the two Movements. Such narrow mindedness has done the struggle a great dis-service, because it has created problems where none need exist, and hardened attitudes on both sides. It is counter-productive to view the presence of another movement engaged in a similar struggle, using the same methods and tactics, with an identical short term goal; as a problem and source of friction, as competitors, or at the end of the day, a movement to fend with. Fortunately and thankfully, during our Movement's history, both organisations have agreed to co-exist, and thus, depriving the enemies of the Irish people, an opportunity to divert the direction of the National liberation struggle. However, relationships have not always been good. At times, tension has developed between both movements, usually as a result of personalities, prejudices, jealousy, and elitism. A brief analysis of the make-up, of the Republican movement, at this stage, may help to explain where elitism etc. sprang from. The Rep Mov is numerically large, with a Sp. Cumann in every county. It's membership and support, crosses all class lines, and embraces every shade of Nationalist, with left and right wing politics. Though, the traditional Republican ideology is predominant. The single unifying factor of this conglomeration is; the National Question, and Armed Struggle in the Six counties. Outside of this temporary cement, there does exist a considerable divergence of political opinion. A fact which is increasingly becoming evident, as can be seen from the recent Ard fheis. Originally, the Rep Mov was a right winged militaristic movement, whose ideology was traditionally Republican, [1969]. No effective political party existed, until the early 1980's. In late 1975, certain individuals, holding key positions within the Rep mov, began a gradual injection of radical views into the movement. Because of the Movement's history, steeped in traditionalism, this process was extremely slow. This has led observers to readily distinguish between the two opposing camps, which presently exist within the Republican Movement today:

A Militaristic traditional element.

B Progressive revolutionary element. [left wing].

A: Traits such as elitism, petty prejudices, etc., are dominant in this faction, with a prevailing attitude of "There is no problem with the formation of a Broad front; so long as everybody does as we say". This negative attitude, only succeeds in alienating individuals, groups, and organisations, who are as committed to the short term goal, as what the Rep Mov are. It also ~~creates~~ ^{makes} the possibility of a split in the Rep Mov all the more inevitable, in order that the Rep Mov resolves its inherent contradiction between the use of armed force and the need of a revolutionary left wing party.

B: There exists a progressive radical element, who face an uphill struggle. To compound this, there appears to exist, outside of the large cities and towns, such as Dublin, Belfast, Derry etc. either an unwillingness amongst rank and file members, to promote social and economic politics with a class conscious flavour, or; an inability at leadership level to propagate Socialist class politics, to rural areas, possibly, as a result of; [1]: Absence of middle level politically conscious leadership, capable of promoting a Socialist program, or; [2]: There exists no such programme, simplistic and practical enough, to overcome rural fears, suspicions, and prejudices, of Socialism, and Class politics.

Undoubtedly, in the future, these two contradictions within the Rep Mov will manifest themselves in confrontation. The movement, at best, will develop into an ideologically sound revolutionary movement. While at worst, a split will develop, along traditional and radical lines. Should the former occur, then the creation of an Anti-imperialist Broad front movement is inevitable. However, if the latter should materialise, then it is imperative that an alternative ideologically sound Revolutionary Movement be available, in order that the left of the Republican Movement can contribute positively to the class struggle, and the creation of a Socialist Ireland, under a Broad front banner... The Republican Socialist Movement does not subscribe to the view that any single organisation in Ireland today, is capable of, or will be capable of, defeating British imperialism. It rejects elitism and immature petty prejudices, as counter-revolutionary concepts, which only serve the enemies of our struggle. It believes that no individual Movement holds a monopoly on the armed struggle and the raising of a social and economic consciousness amongst the working class. It will take the combined efforts, energy, resources, and political know how, of all the anti-imperialist groupings in Ireland, to attain our goal. This is not fantasy, but fact. Until this happens, all potentially new movements in Ireland, will continue at times, to pull against one another; acting as though they are in competition for a big prize. While such a situation exists, the possibility of friction between the two main organisations is probable, friction that could be exploited by the British, and directed in to open confrontation. Such a development would be disastrous, and must always be avoided at all costs. And those who would consider such measures, must be condemned as the counter-revolutionaries that they are. The political and military consequences of such actions, are beyond contemplation. The working class people, on whose behalf we struggle, would be demoralized completely. Volunteers and political activists would be killed, or captured by the British, along with materials. Irreparable damage would be inflicted upon the Broad front concept; and most importantly, such actions would only serve the interests of our class enemy, British imperialism. So, what can we do? How can we avoid conflict? and more to the point, how can we contribute to the formation of a Broad front Revolutionary Movement..?

Firstly, it must be said, that if individuals in prominent positions within the Rep Mov, are determined on confrontation in the future, then there will inevitably be confrontation. However, this attitude is somewhat fatalistic and we shall not labour on it. But rather talk about how we can take steps, to bring about the realization of the 'Broad front'. We, in here, [Long Kesh] are in a unique position, in that we are

living, sharing, and participating in, most wing activities, together with, members of the Rep Mov. I do not need to tell any of you that the vast majority of the Rep Mov in the blocks, are sincere, genuine, decent men. who share a great deal in common with ourselves. They are our comrades in arms, they are here because, like ourselves, they resisted British imperialism in Ireland. We should never forget that. Unfortunately, there exists another type of person in these blocks, who propagate a doctrine of hatred and division between our two movements. These too, are members of the Rep Mov, but thankfully they are a small, narrow-minded, egotistical, elitist clique; who are not representative of the Rep Mov as a whole. This also, should be remembered. Certainly; it can be said, that criticism of our Movement, is not unwarranted at times, and we should not object in the least, to criticism, providing such criticism is given in a genuine and constructive manner. But not as a result of ingrained prejudice and Malice. It is worth mentioning that the I.L.S.P. have done nothing in the past, that S.F. has not also done. We have both made mistakes. While in Republican wings, we should make conscious and determined effort to cultivate relations with members of the Rep Mov, we should ensure that we pull our weight in community activities, such as; work, and wing games e.t.c. In short, we should show, by example, that we are very willing to co-operate, and at times accommodate our comrade in the Rep Mov. As Republican Socialists, there rests the burden of responsibility on our shoulders, of promoting comradeship, breaking down prejudices and overturning misconceptions about the necessity of a Broad front Movement. This, does not mean, we should tolerate any verbal slander directed at our movement, simply because we don't want to rock the boat, or that we must keep in with people at all costs, in order to fulfill our aim. On the contrary, people who would launch scurrilous attacks against our movement, must, be challenged, and exposed as the trouble-makers they are. We cannot be seen to cow down in the face of malice, verbal abuse e.t.c. Because if we do, how can we ever hope to convince progressive elements of our sincerity, if we lack the courage of our own convictions. Those men who we work with, train with, exchange views and opinions with, and discuss politics, ideology, and the future trends of the struggle with; may well, in the future, hold influential positions within the Rep Mov. It is these, progressive, ideologically sound people, who will accept the necessity of a Broad front, and who will hopefully, be able to fulfill that reality. Anyone, who proclaims to be a Republican Socialist, and yet refuses to embrace the principle of an Anti-imperialist Broad front, is a phoney. And anyone, who accepts the necessity of the concept, and yet refuses to work selflessly, to attain that objective, is a phoney, and a coward. The establishment of an Anti-imperialist Broad front, is not only a positive progression of class struggle, but also, a crucial prerequisite, if the people's struggle, for a 32 co. Socialist Republic, is to succeed...

Workers of the World, Unite...

Note:

Big Bang:

21. Dec. 1986.

The birth of the Universe. The first moments of the Big Bang spawned quarks and gluons, the stuff of matter. For a fraction of a second they were freely moving, but then clustered into tight groups, that we call protons and neutrons, later to seed the elements that today build up the galaxies, the earth, you, and me. We, are the remote descendants of that conception.

Albert Einstein. [Theory of Relativity] said: There are no instantaneous interactions in nature, and nothing can go faster than the speed of light.

H-3.

THE Mysterious Brain...

15. Feb. 1987:

The Two halves of the human brain, work in entirely different ways. The left hemisphere is concerned exclusively with sequential, or linear thinking, as in the ordinary processes of reading, [what you're at now!], writing, and thinking analytically. The right hemisphere works at such tasks as listening to music, appreciating art, and arriving at conclusions through intuition. Now, most of Man/woman kinds evolved brain, is still the darkest of mysteries. We have two types of senses, i.e. contact senses: Touching, Smelling, Tasting. And we have the, distance senses: Hearing and Vision. The five conventional senses ok. Could we have, or will we have, a Psychic Sense...?

ESP: Extrasensory Perception. It covers, Telepathy, clairvoyance, and precognition.

PK: Psychokinesis. i.e. Mind-over-matter. The ability to move an object, by thinking about it. An electrostatic field is present during this.

Dowsing: The use of an antenna or rod to detect the presence of underground water, ores, voids, or other target objects.

Psychophotography: A specific case of PK in which a person mentally causes an image to appear on film.

Psychometry: Picking up information about a person or events, past, present, and future, from an inanimate object.

O.O.B.F.: Out-of-body-experience. The travel of the mind apart from the physical body. **O.O.B.F.** is also known as Astral Projection, or, Remote Viewing.

Mind-Body Control: Learning how to manipulate involuntary processes, even to the point of stopping your own heart beat.

Paradiagnostics: Medical diagnosis based on clairvoyance, in which there is no physical contact with the patient. **TM**: Transcendental meditation.

EEG Machine: Electroencephalograph. which detects and records major brainwave frequency bands, which are designated - **Alpha**, **Beta**, **Theta**, and **Delta**. **Alpha**: Pleasant feelings, passive alertness. **Beta**: when, you, focus attention on the outside world. **A mixture of Alpha and Beta**: If you close your eyes and think of nothing in particular. **Theta**: These frequencies often appear if you slip towards sleep and become drowsy. **Delta**: These waves are not normally present, except in deep sleep.

Read the following:

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When the subject has read the sentence, instruct the subject to count the f's in the sentence, counting only once. Ask she/he how many f's is in the sentence? Most people, will say 'three'. There are infact, six. Because, the f in 'of' sounds like a 'v'.

We frequently fail to perceive things, as they really are...

EST: Erhard Seminars Training. A system of training to unblock potential, and free self expression.

RSPK: Recurrent spontaneous Psychokinesis. i.e. Poltergeist activity...

Concise, Scientific observations:

H-2.

19. Feb. 1987.

The concept of plate tectonics suggests that the Earth's surface layers, are divided into large segments, or plates. One scheme suggests that there are six major plates, with some smaller ones, covering the entire Earth. The plates are approximately 100 km thick, and therefore include the Earth's crust, together with part of the upper mantle, but measure several thousand kilometres across. The Mantle: the zone in the Earth between the crust and the core, extending from 50 km to 2900 km depth...

Volcanic activity demonstrates that the Earth's interior is hot. Earthquakes occur beneath the surface of the Earth, where the rocks suddenly yield, after a prolonged build-up of stresses. They are often associated with fault-lines, which provide a zone of fracture and easy yielding...

It is fairly well established that the Earth's core must have an important effect on the Earth's magnetic field; and in this way, the centre of the Earth can have an effect on the external activity of the planet. The Earth's core probably remains, at least partly, molten, as witnessed by its effect on earthquake waves i.e. P-push waves, S-shake waves, and by its possible connection with the Earth's magnetic field...

Snow, accumulates when the air temperature is too low for it to melt. Ice will form only where the snow cover is thick and continuous, and, is not melted by a summer thaw. At present it is estimated that 10% of the World's land surface, and 7% of the oceans, are covered by permanent ice...

Tides; are regular movements of the ocean waters, due to the gravitational attraction of the Sun and Moon, on the Earth. This attraction causes the waters to be gathered at two opposite sides of the Earth...

Biosphere: the narrow layer at the Earth's surface in which the immense variety of living organisms present on the planet, exist... The largest known volcano, is on Mars, called: Nix Olympica...

Early Man/woman kind was startled, confused, terrified and in awe, at catastrophic events such as, Great Floods, Avalanches, Glacial Surges, Volcanic eruptions, and storm-wave activity...

The Moon has no Atmosphere, the main processes affecting the surface, being a combination of volcanic activity [internal energy] and impact cratering due to meteorites. The absence of an atmosphere means that the moon has no sedimentary rocks: Weathering, Streamflow, glaciers, and wind, are absent. It seems, then, that the moon surface may represent an early stage in the development of the Earth, but one which has been frozen for the remainder of its existence, by the depletion of internal energy sources and the lack of external interactions apart from meteorite impacting... The planet MARS does have a thin atmosphere, and ice caps accumulate seasonally at the poles. The atmosphere is 90% Carbon dioxide, and temperatures are generally low, since Mars is further than Earth is, from the Sun. And it seems, that wind activity and the movement of frozen carbon dioxide, may be effective agents of surface change, as well as, the volcanic and meteoritic activity found on the moon...

From feudalism, to Capitalism:

H-7.

6. APRIL.
1987.

In early feudalism, we had the 'crusades', which brought back spices etc. foreign goods in general. These goods were then sold for profit at the great fairs, large trading centres. At the fairs we have money lenders. One of the most important effects of the increase in trade, was the growth of towns. And the heightening of the importance of money, rather than just the exchange of goods. The Merchants set up guilds, gilds, or hansas. They needed to win for their towns the freedom necessary for the continued expansion, so these enterprising traders, the rising middle class, could breach feudal restrictions, customs, etc. The peasants also matured as a class, entering the towns to make money, to leave the manor, and also to develop uncultivated areas of land, clearing swamps, forests etc. They paid money on a rental basis but at least to some degree, freeing him/herself from the dues of the lords and the bothersome labour services etc.,

In 1348-50 approx, we had the BLACK DEATH. The peasants of Western Europe were cut down by the plague. After the plague, as the supply of labour diminished, the relative demand for it increased. The price of hired labour shot up 50% more than it had been before the Black Death. There were then peasant revolts all over Western Europe during the 14th century: Peasants hanged, lords killed. The peasant revolts were put down. But the old feudal organisation was broke up by the pressure of economic forces, which could not be withstood. By the middle of the 16th century, over the greater part of W. Europe, money rents had been substituted for labour dues, and in addition, many peasants had won complete emancipation...

The rise of towns, and the use of money, gave craftsmen a chance to give up farming and make a living by their craft. The butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker, then went to town and set up shop. These craftsmen followed the example set by the merchants before them, and formed guilds of their own. Apprentices, journeymen, and master craftsmen; belonged to the same guild. Later, journeymen forming exclusively their own guilds. Guilds always made certain that outsiders did not encroach on their monopoly. Two fundamental characteristics of the guild system had been the equality between masters, and the ease with which workers could become masters. In general, this prevailed until the 13th-14th centuries, the heyday of the guild system; after that - inevitable changes occurred...

The equality of masters became in some guilds, a thing of the past. And in other cases, the wealthy members of the craft guild gave up producing, and concentrated on trade, becoming exclusive corporations which shut out the working artisans. The maturing working class began to organise... Though workmen's associations were dissolved, and their members fined or imprisoned, other associations sprang up, and strikes for better wages and conditions continued. These people, were the forerunners of the modern proletariat. Owning nothing but their labour-power and dependent for their living on an employer, and favourable market conditions. This situation led to a series of uprisings in the latter half of the 14th century, which, like the peasant revolts, swept over Western Europe. It was a class struggle, the poor vs the rich...

After this period of disorder, the guilds entered their declining years. About the 15th century, we then have 'nations', coming into being. Boundaries dividing countries. And the people supporting the monarch of their nation, the king. Central power. The kings organised and equipped armies. These kings relied on money from the bourgeoisie. In return, the bourgeoisie got protection, certain legislation, in general, they got economic and social privileges from the state... Then we had the PROTESTANT REFORMATION. Kings also practised the debasement of currency to make quick profits. 'Joint Stock Companies' developed in the 16th and 17th centuries, to raise the huge sums of money needed for such vast trading expeditions with America, Africa, and Asia. The Merchants came together in trade associations, to pool their financial resources, for these great trading, privateering, and colonising ventures. These joint stock companies, were the forerunners of the great corporations of today... The Merchants and Bankers, were growing extremely wealthy... ~~they enclosed lands~~

Also, the lords were up to their lark, they enclosed lands and turned from farming to pasture, sheep-raising. This was more profitable. And they weren't concerned about the poor peasants, subsequently thrown off the farms. Commons enclosed; nowhere for the tenant to graze his cattle. Tenant leaseholders were at the mercy of the rack-renting lords. And mercy wasn't a very strong characteristic of the lord of the manor... So, tenants threw out. Huge armies of poor beggars roamed Europe. Laws were passed against enclosure, the first in 1489, but these were disregarded...

Now, with the expansion of the World Market, the Guilds were subordinated, and eventually abolished, to manufacturing industry, division of labour: Massive increase of production. Industries sprouted in the countryside. The dispossessed peasants sold, to the employers, the last commodity they had: Their labour power. From the 16th to 18th Century, the independent Craftsmen of the middle ages tend to disappear. And in their place comes a wage-earning class, growing more and more dependent on the Capitalist-Merchant-Middleman-Entrepreneur...

Men, women, and children, working under scandalous conditions [young people working 15 hours a day] - Ship building, large fleets, developed foreign Trade: high export encouraged, low import restrictions, with the balance made up of Gold and Silver Bounties, and invention Monopolies, these incentives developed. Then, the fight for more colonies, by rival nations, inevitably also developed: War after war after war... 1776 American independence from English colonial rule. 'Free Trade' was greatly and enthusiastically propagated...

In 18th Century France, the church [First Estate], the nobility [Second Estate], paid no taxes. But the unprivileged class [Third Estate], did. They paid taxes to the States, tithes to the clergy, and feudal dues to the nobility. The lower classes were greatly discontented. The government was corrupt and totally disorganised; the educated rising middle class, the bourgeoisie, needed to break free of these feudal restrictions. They did. Leading the workers, they seized political power, in 1789, feudalism was dead...

A short poem, re the enclosure's of land, during feudalism:

The law locks up The man or woman,
who steals a goose from off the Common.
But leaves the greater villain loose,
who steals the Common from the goose...

The accumulation of Capital, that came from early commerce - conquest, piracy, slavery, plunder, exploitation - plus the existence of a propertyless labouring class, spelt the beginnings of industrial Capitalism. [Note: in 1776, a Mr Watt, invented the steam engine.] In the 18th Century, the growth of population, the revolutions in industry, agriculture, and transportation; all these were inter-related. They acted and reacted upon each other. They were the forces making for a new world...

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The Value of a commodity, is determined by the labour-time, socially necessary, for its production. And, goods, become commodities, when they are produced, not for consumption directly, but for exchange...

Money, becomes Capital, only when it is used to purchase goods or labour, in order to sell again, at a profit... Money used to generate more money...

KARL MARX:

"The owner of labour-power is mortal... The labour-power withdrawn from the Market by wear and tear and death must be continually replaced by, at the very least, an equal amount of fresh labour-power. Hence the sum of the means of subsistence necessary for the production of labour-power must include the means necessary for the labourer's substitute - i.e., his children - in order that this race of peculiar commodity-owners may perpetuate its appearance in the Market."

So, the labourer will get, in return for his labour-power, wages, which will be just enough to keep himself and his family alive, with enough more [in some countries] to buy a T.V. or a car, or a ticket to the circus now and again...

The workers commodity i.e. labour-power, is "peculiar", in that, unlike any other commodity, it can create more value than it is itself worth. When the proletarian hires him/herself out, he/she sells

their labour-power, not merely for the time it takes to produce the value of their own wages, but for the length of the full working day. If the working day is ten hours, and the time necessary to produce the value of the labourer's wages equals six hours, then there will be four hours left, during which time, the labourer is working not for him/herself, but for the employer. The six hours, Karl calls necessary labour-time, the four hours, surplus labour-time. Of the value of the total product of the ten hours' labour, six-tenths will equal wages, and four tenths will equal, surplus value, which is appropriated by the employer, and forms his/her profits...

KARL MARX:

"The value of a commodity is determined by the total quantity of labour contained in it. But part of that quantity of labour is realized in a value, for which an equivalent has been paid in the form of wages; part of it is realized in a value for which no equivalent has been paid. Part of the labour contained in the commodity is paid labour; part is unpaid labour. By selling, therefore, the commodity at its value, that is, as the crystallization of the total quantity of labour bestowed upon it, the capitalist must necessarily sell it at a profit. He sells not only what has cost him an equivalent, but he sells also what has cost him nothing, although it has cost the labour of his workman. The cost of the commodity to the capitalist and its real cost are different things. I repeat, therefore, that normal and average profits are made by selling commodities not above but at their real values."

Thus, Marx's theory of surplus value solved the mystery of how labour is exploited in capitalist society...

Let's, briefly, go over the process:

The capitalist system is concerned with the production of goods for sale, commodities. The value of a commodity is determined by the socially necessary labour-time which has gone into its production. The worker does not own the means of production [land, tools, factories, etc.] In order to live, she must sell the only commodity she does own, her labour-power. The value of her labour-power, like that of the commodities, is the amount needed to reproduce it - in this case, the amount needed to keep her alive. The wages paid to her, therefore, will be equal to only what is necessary for her maintenance. But this amount the worker can produce in a part of her working day [less than the whole]. This means that only part of the time will the worker be working for herself. The rest of the time she will be working for the boss. The difference between what the worker receives in wages, and the value of the commodity he/she produces, is surplus value. Surplus value goes to the employers, the bourgeoisie, the owners of the means of production. It is the source of profits, interest, rent; the returns to the owning classes. Surplus value, is the measure of the exploitation of labour, in the capitalist system... Let's go back in history:

Out of competition, sprang monopoly. The Manufacturers, decided that instead of competing against each other, they should form trade associations. Small businesses merging with larger ones, and dividing up the market into monopolies, thus controlling the profits. And with the era of monopoly in industry, came the era of monopoly in banking as well. We had the system of credit. Capitalism of free competition, became capitalism of monopolies: A transformation of tremendous importance. Large scale monopoly industry, brought with it greater development of the productive forces than ever before. They eventually had, to find foreign markets which would absorb their surplus manufactures. All industrial nations came to this problem. The answer was: colonies. Africa etc. And besides being a market for surplus goods; raw materials such as Rubber, oil, nitrates, sugar, cotton, tropical foodstuffs, minerals etc. which were vital to the Capitalist to ensure large scale mass production, could be extracted from the colonies. So, the 3 factors making for imperialism were:

A) The necessity of finding a market for surplus goods.

B) Control of the sources of raw materials.

C) Perhaps the most important cause of imperialism, The surplus of Capital.

Imperialism leads to War...

We can divide Capital into two parts: **Constant** and **Variable**.
Constant Capital is that part which is spent on a plant, machinery, tools, raw materials, etc.
Variable Capital is that part which is spent on buying labour-power, on wages.
 So, in manufacture the Capitalists Capital is divided thus: $C [\text{Total Capital}] = c [\text{constant Capital}] + v [\text{variable Capital}]$. In shorthand: $\frac{v}{C}$ diminishes. While $\frac{c}{C}$ increases.

With the development of Capitalism, an ever-increasing share of the total Capital C is being put into Constant Capital c . This fact that, relatively, constant capital grows, while variable Capital diminishes, is very important. Because remember, it is v and v alone, which is the source of surplus value, or profit... This means that, as v diminishes, there is a tendency for the rate of profit to fall. Now, the Bourgeoisie must maintain profits by keeping down wages, but in doing so, they destroy the purchasing power on which the realisation of profit depends. Low wages make high profits possible, but at the same time they make profits impossible, because they reduce the demand for goods. **Insoluble contradiction.**

FREQUENCY.	CLASSIFICATION.	WAVE LENGTH.
1 000 000		
Million Million cycles per second	100 000 Cosmic Rays	
	10 000 Gamma Rays,	
	1000 'X' RAYS	
	100	One angstrom
	10	
	1 000 000 ULTRA VIOLET	
	100 000	100 angstroms.
	10 000	
	1 000	Blue 0.4 Micron.
	100	Visible light. RED 0.7 micron
	10	one micron (10,000 angstroms) (one millionth of a metre)
	1 000 000	INFRARED
	100 000	RADIANT HEAT one millimetre
	10 000	MICROWAVES one inch.
	1 000	RADAR one foot
	100	TELEVISION
	10	VHF RADIO one hundred yards
	1 000 000	SHORT WAVE RADIO one mile
	100 000	
	10 000	Medium Wave Band
	1 000	Long Wave Radio
	100	
	10	
	1	186,000 miles

16th May 1987:
 = The ELECTROMAGNETIC Spectrum.
 Electromagnetic radiation.
 Radiant Energy.

Bees can see ultra violet.
 Owls and Rattlesnakes can see Infra Red.

Some notes on Capital:
 first, two possible placards:

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Production for profit? **NO!**
 Production for use? **YES!**

Capitalism: **Exploitative.**
oppressive.
wasteful.

In nature, there are no commodities. Exchange is an act of human relations...

Money used to generate money is **self-expanding value**, or Capital...

Useful labour: Work activities as they really are with unique material qualities. Embodied in use value.

Abstract labour: Work activities treated as if they had no distinguishing qualities. Embodied in value.

In capitalist society a commodity leads a double life: It has a **Use-Value**, and an **Exchange-Value**. Capitalists are interested in a product's exchangeability. Business places the emphasis not on what the object is, but on its value. Mass production for profit is wasteful, and automatically leads to the 'Anarchy of production', where there is an excess of commodities. Then products are destroyed rather than made freely available, because the markets are "glutted", thus prices and profits fall. So the Capitalist destroys the products to clear the glutted market. To the capitalist, profit is all-important...

Though the wealth of capitalist society presents itself as an accumulation of commodities, it is, in reality, an accumulation of capital. Capital accumulation is the defining principle of capitalism, the economic goal and process, besides which all others pale into insignificance. Capitalism is just the nickname for the system of production based on the accumulation of capital. Profit-making is the means by which capital accumulates. Capital is created not merely in exchange, as a by-product of buying and selling, but in production. Between M and M' there is a process of production. It is to this that we must turn if we are to grasp the origin of Capital...

Money buying labour-power for the generation of **Surplus Value**, is what capitalism is all about. Only by purchasing labour-power can money act as capital - and only in this way can capital be accumulated... Nature, does not produce capitalists, on the one hand, and workers on the other. Social classes don't fall from the sky, or leap fully-formed from the earth. The bourgeoisie - the ruling class - and the proletariat - the working class - in particular, resulted from a long chain of historical developments...

Exploitation is nothing new. By **exploitation** we refer to the control of surplus labour by an armed oppressor class. Such oppressive control of surplus labour has typified every society since the introduction of slavery. It is, in fact, the hallmark of class society. Only its form is different in capitalist society: where surplus labour becomes **surplus abstract labour**, or surplus value. **Exploitation** is nothing else but the control exercised by oppressors over the surplus labour of the oppressed. In capitalist society, surplus labour, is extracted from the proletariat in the form of, surplus value...

The proletariat differs from openly unfree classes, like serfs and slaves, in two ways. Proletarians are "free" to sell labour-power, and [unlike serfs] "free" of all means of production. This is the double basis of the celebrated 'freedom' of bourgeois society. The freedom to enter a subservient role. A

false freedom. With the sale of labour-power, working people lose all control over what they do. What is produced and how - the purposes and methods of labour - are questions only the capitalists may answer. And the result of labour - the product itself - unquestionably belongs not to the producer but to the capitalist...

Variable Capital:

Since the value added to the commodity by labour-power, varies, introducing the possibility of a surplus, we call the money spent for labour-power, variable capital.

Constant Capital:

Since the value contributed in production by means of production does not vary, we call money spent for means of production, constant capital.

Variable capital, not constant capital, produces surplus value. If competition forces capital to employ an even higher ratio of constant to variable capital - as it clearly does - then the rate of profit $[s/v+c]$ tends to fall...

Concise, Scientific observations:

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Comets:

The structure being made up of: Nucleus, Coma, and Tail. Primarily made of dust and ice. If a comet should collide with the earth, as apparently happened in Siberia in 1908, its small size means that a relatively small amount of damage would be caused. The Siberian event destroyed a forest, but produced no crater...

Meteorites:

Examples of "meteorite showers" are fairly common. One of the most spectacular was the shower that appeared near Holbrook, Arizona, in 1912: a railroad-man was having dinner in a Santa Fe section house when suddenly it sounded as if hail were falling on the roof. Because the weather had been clear and sunny all day, he immediately went outside to see what peculiar change of weather could be occurring, and found himself surrounded by a rain of stones, later identified as meteorite fragments. More than 10,000 small meteorites were eventually picked up in the area... There are two principal kinds of meteorites, commonly called 'stones' and 'irons'. One of the best known meteorite craters is the Arizona meteorite crater, near Canyon Diablo in Arizona. About 1,300 meters [4,000 ft.] across, and 100 meters deep. This crater was formed by a meteorite estimated to have had a mass of over 10,000 tons. Fragments of iron meteorite have been found scattered over the ground surrounding the crater, and small meteoritic particles exist in the desert soil out to distances of 10. Kilometers from the crater, larger craters do exist...

Asteroids:

Minor planets. They have collided with the earth, and into each other. If an Asteroid, with a diameter of less than a kilometer, should collide with this planet, it would create a crater and an explosion that would potentially demolish a portion of the earth, about the size of a large city... Asteroids are often irregular in shape, rather than spherical.

Meteors:

A visible phenomenon that occurs when an object collides with the earth's atmosphere, and a streak of light is produced. A Meteorite survives the collision with the atmosphere and arrives at the surface of the earth, where it can be found and studied. On October 10th, 1946, the world witnessed a spectacular display of celestial fireworks. During that night, meteors were seen so frequently that they almost formed a continuous uninterrupted pattern. As many as 4,000 meteors per hour were witnessed at locations where the night sky was dark. All of the meteors seemed to emanate from a particular point in the sky, Constellation Draco. This was a meteor shower...

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'There is no royal road to science, and only those who do not dread the fatiguing climb of its steep paths have a chance of gaining its luminous summits.' Comrade Marx.

23. August 1987:

The need for change...

Marxism tells us that before we can properly solve any problem, before we can work out a plan of action, etc., that we must first analyse the given process, i.e. that we must identify the **Basic Contradiction** which is inherent in it, and which gives rise to its development, and from which everything else springs. It is this basic contradiction which determines the whole process, other, secondary contradictions, arise on top of this - These in turn give expression to particular trends, characteristics, interests etc. But, everything is "ultimately" determined and conditioned by the basic contradiction. These, secondary contradictions, can be tackled, reformed, changed, but again they will effect no "fundamental" change in the given process. The only way fundamental change can be acquired is by changing the basic contradiction which immediately sets in motion changes in all the secondary contradictions, which are dependent upon it.

We'll take for example the process whereby 'A' and 'B' have entered into a dialectical relationship. 'A', is by its nature: Democratic, open structures, working openly, has its own priorities, tasks, etc - 'B', is by its nature: Undemocratic, closed structures, working secretly, has its own priorities, tasks, etc. In their unity, the question obviously arises of who directs who? Of who predominates over who? Different results flow whether A or B is the predominant aspect of the relationship. This is the starting point from which we now briefly analyse this process.

K.L. The predominance of 'B' over 'A'. firstly, a definite strategy arises from this, i.e. the need to confront imperialism. But with the added proviso that everything else is "subordinated" to this end. Therefore secondly: definite needs arise from this, i.e. to make the fullest use of the human and material resources at their disposal.

When it's asked: What is the imperialists and their British allies policy, and how do we aim to thwart this? - We get the same old answers, i.e. that it's necessary to confront them, that the struggle goes on, etc. We get no analyses, we get no strategy outside this basic confrontation. It eventually becomes an end in itself, due simply to the fact that they don't know of any other strategy. Other trends manifest themselves due to this, e.g. Psychological traits: There arises the condition of elitism, superiority, etc. That 'we're the lads', that this is

the real Macho way of doing things. That those in 'A' are wankers, bluffers, etc., who always harp on about meaningless things. Therefore there arises a definite trend of spurning 'A' type work as being 'beneath their style', 'standing', etc. There arises a contempt for those involved in 'A' type work. Another trend arises of prestige building, of wanting to be seen and known as being "the lad", etc. This, in turn, attracts the ambitious, power seeking individual, who, in turn, begins to consolidate his position, to build a power base, etc. These being manifest in 1979-1981, and from 1982 - onwards. A lowering of standards eventually comes into being - where criminal type elements, unsavoury characters, inept individuals, are allowed entrance, and rise to prominence: The result is constant crisis, factions, instability, discredit.

It must be asked: Why this total failure? **What you sow - you reap!** What you plant, you harvest! If you plant predominantly seeds 'B', you harvest A 'M' crop. If you sow a few seeds of 'A' amongst this - then due to their inferior position, they'll lose out in the struggle for life, for space to grow, breathe, develop and reproduce. Every single attempt in the past, to correct this, failed. Yet highly intelligent individuals were involved during this period. Why did they all fail?

Simply because they failed to confront the basic contradiction, which as we've pointed out above, is, that between 'A' and 'B'. They would tackle only the secondary contradiction, i.e. By changing individuals, by launching a political initiative here and there, making some resources a bit more available, etc. All this did was to give it a brief lease of life, before the basic contradiction re-asserted itself, once more.

It is like Revolution. The Basic Contradiction in Society is between the "productive forces" and the "relations of production", i.e. Socialized production by the working class, and private appropriation by the Capitalist class. Everything springs from this: Poverty, unemployment, alienation, etc. To try to change poverty by more welfare benefits; unemployment by more state investment, etc. - will likewise, as above, give a brief lease of life to ease this crisis - But these are only changes in the secondary contradictions. No "fundamental change".

It is impossible to bring "fundamental change", unless the "basic contradiction" is tackled...

Therefore, we have to ask now: Why, if we're Marxists, do we neglect this? This is a fundamental of Marxism! Why do we fail to confront it? Why do we fail to act accordingly? Marx, Lenin, etc., confronted all fundamentals in a courageous, merciless, ruthless manner. Why do we fail to do this? Is it inherent in us? Are we up to this task? Do we lack the courage and maturity to do this? Are we amateurs - and not professionals? We know the lessons of history, we know the mistakes, we either act accordingly, or collapse. Salvation lies in clarity, and the courage to implement change.

We come now to our New starting point, which is the predominance of 'A' over 'B'. Again, a definite strategy arises from this, plus the need to make the fullest use of the human and material resources at our disposal. The need to confront imperialism is again re-asserted, but this time it is subordinated to the need to build 'A' - To build

structures, which for once will ensure stability, to inculcate in everyone a revolutionary ideology, etc. Recognizing past errors, etc., we must consciously strive to avoid factionalism, power-bases, etc.

Out of the predominance of 'A' over 'B' - Definite psychological traits will emerge: of discipline, unity, work, theoretical strength, comradeship, solidarity, confidence. - These entail the sharing of experience, the raising of political consciousness, the formation of political agitators, organizers, propagandists, etc. Until a solid base is created, with continuity at all levels.

It is absolutely obvious that this cannot be done on the old basis, with all the old traits predominant, etc. It entails "completely" subordinating 'B' to 'A'. Of salvaging the most promising elements in 'B', etc. This is what is meant, by changing the basic contradiction. Everything flows from this. It ensures that, in the future, all will have gone through the training school of building 'A'. They will all have this background, with revolutionary politics uppermost, with allegiance to 'A', with being familiar with all the trends in 'A', with all its problems, personalities, policies - and never "divorced" from these. A common bond must be forged around these - a bond which will create the qualities of awareness, capability, resilience, consistency, etc., in everyone.

If we recognise that the starting point of anything, is the most important thing - for this is what we sow, and thus, what we reap - then this point of departure, is the ground from which we must launch ourselves.

Those who would cling to the past, to the outworn, put forth the line that we will change, but that it doesn't have to be so drastic, etc. This is sheer pretence! They are usually agreed upon, about what must be done - yet not doing it! That it can be done in stages - yet not following the logic of going to the heart of it and acting resolutely! They end up maintaining - supporting that which is the very problem. Their so-called good intentions are not enough - The road to Hell is paved with good intentions. The burning question - The priority for us, is to build a Revolutionary Party...

As Lenin said, about the Social Revolutionaries:

"There terrorism is not connected in any way with work among the masses, for the masses, or together with the masses. It distracts our very scanty organizational forces from their difficult and by no means completed task, of organising a Revolutionary Party."

Enough said!

28 SEP. 1987. H-4.

The following is a copy of the Easter statement, Easter 1987, which was publicly read out at the Irish Republican Socialist Party commemoration march, Milltown cemetery, Belfast. Approximately two hundred supporters were present:

"Comrades, friends of the Republican Socialist Movement, On this, the 71st anniversary of the revolutionary uprising of the Irish workers, in alliance with other sections of the Irish people, the Easter Rising, we, the direct political descendants of James Connolly, send greetings to our supporters worldwide. We send greetings to our heroic comrades in Irish, British, French and American goals, and we pledge ourselves to continue that struggle initiated in 1916.

Easter commemorations bring to mind comrades who have fallen in battle. This year is especially poignant, as we pay tribute to our recently deceased comrades, slain by fellow Irishmen claiming to be socialists. We recall John O'Reilly, Thomas (T.A.) Power, Michael Kearney, Emmanuel Cargan, Kevin Barry Duffy, all volunteers in the Irish National Liberation Army, and firm supporters of the political line of the I.R.S.P. And we especially remember Mary McClinchey, wife of our comrade Dominic, brutally murdered in front of her children, by people carrying out Britain's foul bidding. These past three months have been traumatic months for our movement. We stated all along, we only wanted our right to exist, to be recognised. That we are here today, shows that we do exist. That the R.S.M., though severely damaged, is not dead. And that, though comrades may be killed, the ideals and ideas that motivated them can never, never, be wiped out.

Let us be frank. As befits followers of that great Marxist and Republican James Connolly. We freely acknowledge that grave errors and mistakes have been committed by our movement. Whilst this is not the place to air all our mistakes, we must here publicly state, that in the past we have too often confused armed actions with revolutionary politics, consequently, militarism became a tendency in our movement that stultified our development. Politics were neglected, not, we hasten to add, the politics of electioneering, of clientism, of the safe parliamentary road to socialism, but the politics of the working class. This error, this under-estimation of the revolutionary potential of the Irish working class, led to elitism and thence on to factionalism. There is nothing, intrinsically revolutionary about having guns, nor, is there anything intrinsically revolutionary in calling yourself a Socialist. James Connolly himself heavily criticised the physical force only Republicans of his day. He clearly recognised that the use of armed force was a tactic to be decided upon in the light of existing circumstances. Hence in his decision in the face of a worldwide imperialist war, to throw himself and his Vanguard Citizen Army into an alliance with nationalists, in rising up against imperialist Britain. That uprising was heavily condemned by many Marx and water Socialists. They could not see the crucial links between class struggle and national oppression. But Marxists did. Lenin, the foremost revolutionary of the 20th century applauded the Easter uprising, and recognised it as a valuable contribution not only to the world anti-imperialist movement, but to the worldwide struggle for socialism.

We claim to be followers of Connolly. Just as Connolly tried to fuse Republicanism and Socialism in his day, so we too try, to fuse Republicanism and Marxism in our day. To create a revolutionary ideology that is capable, not merely of fighting, not merely of surviving, but of actually winning the struggle against imperialism. But not everyone recognises that. Some say stick to Connolly, stick to Costello, stick to Lenin. Comrades, we respect great socialists, we honour them, but we do not turn them into gods. We do not turn any of their writings into dogmas, into fossilised bibles to be quoted at our political enemies. No, we learn from them, they are a guide to action, actions which must be determined by us in the light of prevailing conditions, and in the light of the class interest of the Irish working class.

Many of our imprisoned comrades used their prison experiences to analyse, not merely the state of our

movement, and its faults, but also the overall Anti-imperialist struggle. T.A. Power was one of those comrades, and his writings point the way forward. Therefore, we the leadership of the R.S.M. publicly state, the main priority for all sections of our movement, in the coming period, will be to build the nucleus of a Revolutionary Party. All other tasks will be subordinate to that great historic task. For we recognise that the ultimate victory of socialism in Ireland will be dependent, not only on a favourable international balance in our favour, but the creation of a disciplined centralised revolutionary party and that alone will have both the political knowledge and will, to lead the majority of Irish people to their self-emancipation. We know some of our comrades and supporters may see this as "betraying the armed struggle". That is nonsense. As revolutionaries we reject no form of struggle, we acknowledge the right of the Irish people to wage armed struggle against ~~imperialism~~ imperialism. For over 12 years, despite the repeated assassinations of our leaders, despite state frame-ups, despite informers and agent provocateurs, and despite infiltration by ultra-left adventurers, our movement has stood firm on its broad principles of National Liberation and Socialism. We have, through the political concept of the Broad front, tried to forge a unity of Republican and Socialist forces, that could develop the struggle on to a higher plane. We have consistently upheld the right of armed resistance and have refused to publicly condemn armed actions by anti-imperialist groups, against imperialism. We have not, although we strongly disagree with other organisations, either called on them to dissolve, nor tried to wipe them out, nor will we do so in the future. But here and now we do state, no republican socialist worthy of the name, condones petty sectarian attacks, defends gangsterism, or criminality. Nor tolerates ill-disciplined uncoordinated armed actions unrelated to the needs of the Rep Soc Mov. Anyone guilty of such acts has no place in the movement. No successful revolutionary movement has been built on ill-discipline, on cliques, on factionalism, nor on the cult of the personality. We therefore reaffirm our commitment to building the nucleus of the revolutionary party, and the forging of a collective leadership of such a nucleus. Such a task will not be easy.

Throughout the ongoing process of the 'Anglo-Irish agreement', the British hope to disarm the nationalists of the north through their agents in the S.A.I. and the Catholic church, that their imposed solution will be successful. Combine the Anglo-Irish agreement with the Single European act, and we can see a clear strategy to win over the nationalists of Ireland to a pro-nato pro-western defence position. Therefore we have no hesitation in calling for a No-vote in the forthcoming referendum in the 26 county state. In changing the constitution they, the free-state bourgeoisie, will be undermining Ireland's traditional neutrality. Having over the years sold off our assets, our natural resources, and encouraged millions of us to emigrate, having presided over the decline of our customs, language, and culture, and having waxed fat on the profits, the free state capitalists are now beginning the long task of turning Ireland into the 51st state of the U.S.A. In the struggle between Capitalism and Socialism, between Reagan and Gorbachev, between the rich and the poor, we stand on the side of the working class. We are Socialists, we are internationalists, and we send revolutionary greetings today to all who struggle against imperialism and injustice. We salute in particular the heroic struggles of the A.N.C. in S. Africa, the P.L.O. in occupied Palestine, and the revolutionary government in Nicaragua facing U.S.A. financed Contra-terrorists. Our struggle is inseparable, we rejoice in their victories, we share in their sorrows. For the desire for liberation is not a peculiarly Irish feeling, it is common to all humankind. We in Ireland, and our comrades worldwide, struggle for a world freed from war, hunger, and cruelty. For a world where human potentiality is unleashed, and we all can fully develop our personalities in a free world.

We take no pleasure in war, we prefer peace. But peace with justice. And, unfortunately, those who control the world's wealth, refuse to peacefully transfer resources to those most in need. We know how the

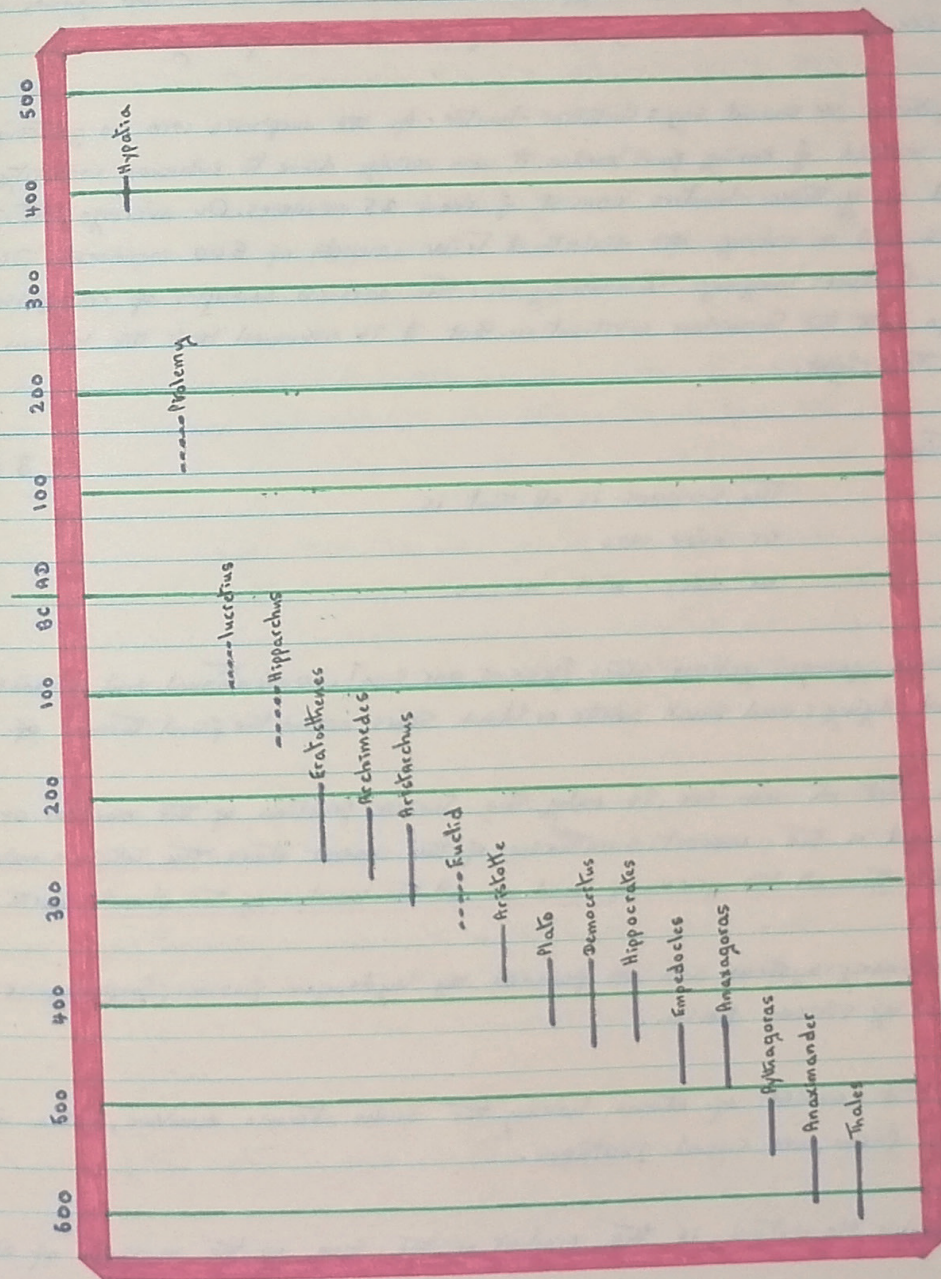
powerful act. We see everyday how they have used sectarian divisions to turn worker against worker, how they have discriminated, how they have built a bigoted sectarian local 'police' force, that ghastly for the past five years have viciously attacked Republican funerals. We have seen the shoot-to-kill policies, we have witnessed the torture, endured the prisons, and buried our children, victims of plastic bullet laws. We have been experimented on by their military strategists, analysed by their sociologists, infiltrated by their master spies. We have walked the streets searching for jobs, been used as cheap labour in their enforced Y.T.P. schemes, encircled in our homes by their forts, degraded by their dole and watched by their social security snoopers. We have been vandalised, analysed, and criticised. Dissected by their media, and trivialised by their comics! We have been battered, bloodied, and beaten. We have been ghettoised, and we have been compromised and betrayed by politicians.

But friends and comrades, we have survived. The resilience and resistance of the nationalist working class has been magnificent. Despite all that has been done, the spark of liberty has not been extinguished. But to turn that spark into a flame, that will burn out all traces of imperialism in our country, will take more than defensive resistance, nor occasional acts of bravado. It needs, first and foremost, an understanding of how imperialism works in Ireland north and south. And only marxist theory gives any real understanding of the class enemy. Lenin's famous quotation is doubly true both for the Rep Soc Mov, and the Irish working class: "without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement". Together, both our movement, and our class, need a revolutionary theory. For it is in the direct interests of the whole of the Irish people, that both the national and class divisions be ended.

It is clear to those willing to see, that practice without theory, has failed us in the past. Now, more than ever, we need open ideological debate on where the struggle is going. And on how best to give meaning, not only to the sacrifices of the comrades of 1916, but to the latest sad tragic deaths within our own movement. From such debate, from such an analysis, we will be able to develop the coherent revolutionary strategy our class need, and be able to forge the necessary revolutionary tools, for ultimate victory. In outlining such a perspective, let no-one, least of all the imperialists, be under any illusions. In submitting militarism to a socialist critique, we the I.R.S.P., are not, repeat not, breaking with armed struggle. In embracing revolutionary theory, the I.R.S.P. are not foregoing revolutionary practice. In building the nucleus of a revolutionary party, we do not abandon the development of a genuine National Liberation Army. In taking up the pen, we do not put down the gun. For we wish to make it clear, so long as Britain denies us sovereignty, so long will we be justified in using whatever weapons of resistance are available. Finally, let us thank all those of our friends and supporters who have stood by us in thick and thin. Your fortitude, courage, loyalty and discipline, was both an example and lesson for us all. Your sacrifices will not be in vain. Nor will the sacrifices of all our dead comrades. We will give meaning to their deaths by building an island fit for socialists. As we stand by the gravesides of our fallen, as we remember them this easter Sunday, let us vow before we leave here, that all of us, will re-dedicate ourselves to the struggle for National Liberation, and Socialism. Onwards comrades, to the socialist dawn, and victory to the Irish Republican Socialist Party / Irish National Liberation Army. Our day is coming."

Approximate lifetimes of Ionian and other
Greek scientists between the seventh
century B.C. and the fifth century. The
decline of Greek science is indicated by
the relatively few individuals shown
after the first century B.C.

26 Sep 87.



Continuation of notes related to previous evolution notes, in this compilation. Regarding our ancestors. 3 Nov. 1987:

Although the continent of South America, around 30 million years ago, carried its evolving population of so-called New World monkeys as it drifted westward across what was to become the Atlantic Ocean, finally colliding with North America just a few million years ago, it never saw an indigenous ape. The monkeys there simply did not evolve along that biological path. Why? We do not know. And therefore, there was no emerging hominids...

Ramapithecus was probably no bigger than 3 feet tall. S/he walked upright: freeing the hands. Ramapithecus's jaws moved from side to side when eating, because they had small canine and incisor teeth. If they were large they would have had to eat in a rolling fashion, forward and back, like the chimpanzee and gorilla today, which cannot chew from side to side because of their large canine teeth.

Homo Habilis was between four and five feet tall. Australopithecus boisei, was about the same height as H. Habilis. Australopithecus Africanus, was a smaller individual, nearer to four feet tall. These three hominids roamed around in close proximity to each other. But at about one million years ago, only one hominid remained. A hominid that was eventually to give rise to Homo Sapiens. When the above 3 hominids roamed there was possibly a fourth similar-type creature. But around a million years ago the rest slipped into extinction. We are the sole surviving member of the hominid family...

Instead of 'hunter-gatherer', we should say: Gatherer-hunter. As the emphasis was on gathering... Infanticide: Besides being a method of easing food burden, it was mainly done to enhance mobility. Safe, but necessary. An average band of gatherer-hunters consist of about 25 members. On average the interval between births is four years. And an average the dialectical tribe consists of 500 members. 'Dialectical' in the sense of dialect/language. Culture: language, technology, etc. The earliest examples of recognisable writing appear about 5,000 years ago, with the Sumerian civilisation. But it is assumed that the human language goes back longer than this. Too right.

Concise Scientific observation.

3 Nov. 1987:

The Cosmos is all that is
or ever was
or ever will be...

Blue stars are hot and young; yellow stars [look at our sun], conventional and middle aged; red stars, often elderly and dying; and small white or black stars are in the final throes of death.

The number of stars that we can see, is only the tiniest fraction of the number of stars that are. What we see at night is the merest smattering of the nearest stars. The total number of stars in the universe is greater than all the grains of sand on all the beaches of the planet Earth...

Novae, occur only in binary systems and are powered by hydrogen fusion; Supernovae occur in single stars and are powered by silicon fusion.

Elemental substances that consist of atoms having the same atomic number, but a different mass number from their common form, are called isotopes.

A rotational force, Angular Momentum, is the product of the sum of the masses, of all parts

of a rotating system multiplied by their distances from the axis of rotation times their rotational velocities. It is characteristic of rotating systems that they conserve their angular momentum. The total amount must always remain the same.

Earth whirls beneath our feet at 1,620 kilometers an hour. It speeds through space at around a million and a quarter kilometers a day, on its gravitationally prescribed orbit around the Sun...

No likely hypothesis about the nature of the primitive atmosphere includes a plausible source of free gaseous oxygen. Any plausible model of the early atmosphere includes large quantities of gases that would rapidly combine with and remove any free oxygen produced. Free oxygen in the early atmosphere would have inhibited the origin of life. Although the early oxygen-free atmosphere was well suited to the chemical evolution of organic molecules and the origin of life, it would have been a lethal mixture to those forms of life we now like to think of as advanced... Biologic evolution, beyond the origin of life itself, depended on the further evolution of the atmosphere. It seems that early intensive heating of the earth and subsequent volcanism sweated out the previously entrapped or chemically bound gases that went to make up the initial atmosphere. Among these gases was the water vapor that later condensed to form the first mini oceans. Our atmosphere today roughly consists of 78% nitrogen, 21% oxygen, and 1% argon.

An amino-acid - made of the four life-building elements: Hydrogen (H), Oxygen (O), Nitrogen (N), and Carbon (C) - consists of an amino group (NH_2) and an acid group (COOH), stuck together in a particular way. There are twenty common protein-building amino acids.

Life almost certainly originated in the sea, and remained confined to the sea until such time as atmospheric conditions became favourable to its existence, apart from the radiation-absorbing shield of overlying water...

The most important feature that advanced types of animals like birds and mammals have in common, is their ability to maintain their internal temperature at relatively constant levels. Because of this, they are said to be warm blooded, in contrast to reptiles and fishes, which are not capable of such internal temperature regulation, and are accordingly called cold-blooded. Internal temperature regulation is also aided by body coverings of feathers or fur.

From about 230 to 62 million years ago, the span of Mesozoic time, the planet was ruled by dinosaurs and related reptiles. On land, in the sea, and in the air.

Archaeopteryx: Generally considered to be the world's oldest bird. An animal interpreted by some to be reptile, because of its skeletal structure and teeth, and by others to be a bird, because of its feathers. Archaeopteryx does appear to be a clear intermediate between dinosaurs and birds. But there is great argument in either opinion.

Try get a photo of this creature in some evolution book, it really is a mysterious animal to look at.

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Establishment of an Irish Socialist Republic based upon the public ownership by the Irish people of the land, and instruments of production, distribution and exchange. Agriculture to be administered as a public function, under boards of management elected by the agricultural population and responsible to them and to the nation at large. All other forms of labour necessary to the well-being of the community to be conducted on the same principles: Connolly. Selected writings. p. 11.

A people who want to win independence cannot confine themselves to ordinary methods of warfare. Mass insurrections, revolutionary warfare, guerrilla detachments everywhere — such is the only way in which a small nation can vanquish a big country, and a small army oppose a more powerful one: Engels. Read, 'The Vietnamese Revolution' by Le Duan. Brilliant.

The war of resistance against U.S. aggression may drag on. Our compatriots may have to face new sacrifices of property and life. Whatever may happen, we must keep firm our resolve to fight U.S. aggression until total victory: Ho Chi Minh.

The peoples who have achieved any progress, any freedom, have not done so by humbling themselves, by placing their necks in the yoke. The peoples have found themselves forced to struggle; they have had to struggle. They have had to fight not because they like to spill blood, not because they like war, but because they are faced with the alternative of slavery or sacrifice; they are forced to pay for their freedom and justice with their blood and sacrifice. Historically, this is the alternative that the exploiters have imposed upon the exploited, the oppressors upon the oppressed, the slave masters upon the slaves; exploitation, oppression, slavery — or sacrifice: Castro. 'Fidel Castro speaks' - p. 209.

We must actively take up the political education of the working class and the development of its political consciousness. p. 71. Our business as Social-Democratic publicists is to deepen, to expand and intensify political exposures and political agitation. p. 89. The principal thing, of course, is propaganda and agitation among all strata of the people. p. 103. The organizations of revolutionaries must consist first, foremost and mainly of people who make revolutionary activity their profession (that is why I speak of organizations of revolutionaries, meaning revolutionary Social-Democrats). In view of this common feature of the members of such an organization, all distinctions as between workers and intellectuals, and certainly distinctions of trade and profession, must be utterly obliterated. Such an organization must of necessity be not too extensive and as secret as possible. p. 139. The centralization of the secret functions of the organization by no means implies the centralization of all the functions of the movement. p. 155. In a word, specialization necessarily presupposes centralization, and in its turn imperatively calls for it. p. 161. When we have detachments of specially trained worker-revolutionaries who have gone through extensive preparation (and, of course, revolutionaries "of all arms"), no political police in the world will then be able to contend against them, for these detachments of people absolutely devoted to the revolution will themselves enjoy the absolute confidence of the widest masses of the workers. p. 165. 'What is to be done?' Lenin.

To decide once every few years which member of the ruling class is to repress and crush the people in parliament — such is the real essence of bourgeois parliamentarism, not only in parliamentary-constitutional monarchies, but also in the most democratic republics. p. 56. 'THE STATE AND REVOLUTION', Lenin.

