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Revolutionary violence meets reactionary violence

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1. acclaims the long and glorious history of the struggle of the Irish people for self-determination.
2. unreservedly and resolutely supports the national rights of the Irish people to independence, sovereignty, unity and

territorial integrity to their motherland and will strive for the achievement of the Republican and Social Ideals of the 1916 Proclamation by organising effective propaganda and social activities in Britain, particularly among Irish men and women workers, in support of those who are struggling to implement these ideals within Ireland.

FOR IRISH PATRIOTS AND SUPPORTERS IT'S JAIL, JAIL, JAIL

Imperialist courts lash worker
militants

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Ian Purdie, a twenty-five year old Englishman, was sent to prison for nine months on Tuesday 10th February at the end of an Old Bailey trial lasting seven days. He was convicted of throwing a petrol bomb at the Ulster Office - London headquarters of the fascist regime in Northern Ireland - during a solidarity demonstration on 17th August called to condemn British imperialist atrocities and mobilize support for the courageous struggle of the Irish working class.

After being found 'guilty' of this and two other minor charges he rose in the dock and commenced making a statement pointing out the crimes being committed against the people of Ireland, mentioning particularly the use of C.S. gas, clubs, guns and mobile equipment, and the deaths and injuries these had caused workers and their families.

The trial was from beginning to end a show-piece by the British ruling class for the benefit of its stooges in Belfast. But it was at this point that all the pretence of British 'justice' was thoroughly exposed. The judge, Sir Carl Arvold, chief legal lackey in this country, angrily shouted at Purdie that "These are not matters relevant to my consideration".

Here was the Chief Recorder of London, senior criminal judge sitting in the highest court in the land, sending a man to prison for allegedly throwing a petrol bomb in London - and brazenly stating that the slaughter and burning out of working people at the hands of the fascist RUC and B Specials are 'not matters relevant', despite the fact that 'legally' Northern Ireland is held by the British capitalist class to be part of Britain, the laws of which Arvold is supposed to be guardian.

This example of one law for the ruling class and another for workers provides a penetrating insight into capitalist 'justice' and 'law and order'.