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Dear Bill,

It is a long time since I last wrote to you because in the first place before Xmas I was a bit fed up + since Xmas I have been kept busy here with the W.P.N. + the fight against E.C.C. De Gaulle's speech seems to have thrown the spinner in Lemass's works + whatever about Britain I don't think this country has a snowball's chance in hell of getting full membership. Many workers will be relieved particularly in the motor assembly industry which was doomed to extinction by a Govt. Committee report which was composed of leaders of the Irish Trade Union Movement? I hope to do an article on this for either D.A. or I.W., though I am kept busy each night + it is difficult to find time to do any writing work.

I have enclosed P.O. for papers received which I think puts me in the clear. 12 copies (3 issues) Industrial Worker; 12 copies World Labour News (wob. hlec) and ~~six~~ eight

copies of the pamphlet on The Bomb, Direct Action + the State so far given out.

I hope to get over to the Conference in March + also to a S.R.L. conference in February. Tom⁴ has written to me + explained some factionalist difficulties; apparently the Trots are pressing for a decisive Trot programme for S.R.L. It is an awful damned pity if these people would just think for one moment that it is Ireland (where the L.P. get 167 votes against Fianna Fail's 10,000 in one constituency) that they are dealing with + not Russia in 1917. Even these factors if none other should weigh upon them not to split the only substantial Revolutionary + anti-Stalinist front (S.R.L.-N.P.D.) to appear in Ireland ever. Have you been in touch with Tom since, I think that he is a very good type. The first essential I admire him for is that although he is living in London + although he moves among all groups over there, he refuses to take dictation from anybody + he always remembers that it is Ireland that he is dealing with.

"Direct Action" is a much better name than W.L.A. it does as the paper mentions, express much better the idea of our movement. I was glad of your article on Swedish Trade Unionism. In fact the very same could almost be said of this country. On more than one occasions Swedish P.R.O. men have given lectures here to Trade Union groups. Tom's article on the General Strike was very valuable especially his trouncing of the Trots.

The most heartening development is the Power Workers go slow & the Shop Stewards Committee. It seems to me that there is for the first time an slight appearance of the view that the Trade Union Bureaucrats are worse than useless. This is a tremendous development though it only emphasizes how far we have to go to get a Revolutionary Syndicalist movement to overthrow Capitalism.

Best wishes to Joan, Peter & Helen,

Fraternally,

Blave