

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Irish Commission is to carry on the centuries-old fighting traditions of the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist Irish working class.

Domestically, Irish Communists have been at the forefront of the struggle for the rights of workers. In the late 18th century and the 19th century, Irish-Americans led Shay's Rebellion, the St. Patrick's Brigade during the Mexican-American War, and the Fighting 69th Irish Brigade of the American Civil War.

Later on, Irish Communists played a central role in the trade union movement. This was exemplified by figures such as James Larkin and James Connolly, as well as "Red" Mike Quill of the New York Transit Workers Union. As James Connolly declared in the early 1900s, "The cause of labor is the cause of Ireland, and the cause of Ireland is the cause of labor."

Abroad, Irish Communists have also served in the anti-fascist struggles, such as with the Connolly Column in Spain, which was attached to the International Brigades.

The Irish Commission of the PCUSA supports Ireland's fight for freedom from British colonialism and US-EU-NATO imperialism. The Irish Commission of the PCUSA also recognizes that for there to be true independence, scientific socialism is needed.

"If the [persons] of property will not support us, they must fall. Our strength shall come from that great and respectable class, the [persons] of no property."

-Wolfe Tone, 1798



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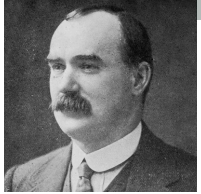
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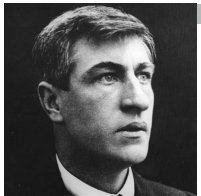
-James Connolly, 1916

Historic Irish Communists



**James Connolly
(1868-1916)**

James Connolly was an Irish Republican, socialist, trade unionist and leader of the Easter Rising of 1916, commanding the Irish Citizen's Army. He was an labor organizer in Ireland and rallied workers for the Republican Cause.



**James Larkin
(1874-1947)**

Also known as “Big Jim Larkin,” he was one of the founders of the Irish Labor Party along with James Connolly. He founded the Irish Worker's League, which was recognized by the Comintern as the Irish section of the World Communist Movement.



**Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
(1890-1964)**

As a Labor Organizer and Feminist, she founded the American Civil Liberties Union and became chairperson of the Communist Party USA in 1961. Flynn was given a state funeral in the USSR where she died while on a state visit.



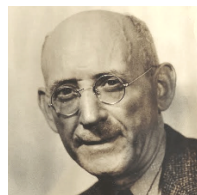
**William Z. Foster
(1881-1961)**

Dubbed the “American Lenin”, Bill Foster was one of US history’s greatest union organizers. Foster was the General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA from 1924 to 1934 and from 1945 to 1957.



**Albert J Fitzgerald
(1906-1982)**

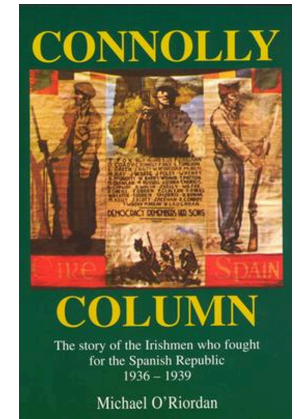
A life long revolutionary fighter and labor leader of the United Electrical Workers (UE) from 1941 to 1978. During the anti-communist McCarthy period of the 1950s, when UE was targeted by the government, Fitzgerald continued to lead the union.



**James Galton
(1886-1945)**

A veteran of the Irish War of Independence, Galton joined the Royal Irish Regiment of the British Army but refused to serve in India. After immigrating to the U.S., he joined the CPUSA, where he represented the Party in Manhattan’s 13th Congressional District.

James Connolly Column



“It was not by chance that the title of ‘James Connolly Unit’ was taken by Irish men to designate their section from the others of the International Brigades that went to Spain to defend the Republican Government in 1936 [against Franco’s fascist rebellion]. Twenty-one years before ‘Asturias,’ Ireland had its own fierce version of a class war in the form of the 1913 Lock-Out; this was followed three years later with the Easter Week Revolt of 1916 when the working class united with nationalists in a bid for Irish National Independence.”

