

recession. This has been the history of... will be inevitably followed by another... boom situation which... growth begins once more with capital...



Under capitalism, decisions about what to produce are made by hundreds of competing firms. The competitive drive and the result is always the same one of recessions always follow this pattern...

Unemployment has risen by a third in the last year and every-one agrees that worse times are ahead. Worries about losing jobs and not being able to pay the mortgage are growing. Whose fault is it? Is it the politicians administering the economy, or is it the capitalist economy itself?

Recession

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Undercover fraud where none exists

On 8/8/08, The Department of Social and Family Affairs (DSFA) issued a press release entitled "€238 million saved in first six months of this year through Welfare anti fraud crackdown."



In other words, the DSFA is characterising many cases of overpayment as fraud when they are simply due to alleged changes in circumstances since the original decision was made.

despite 2 successive government ministers lamenting the anti-family nature of their own department's rules (Sunday Independent 27/27/08), the DSFA continues to trumpet the resultant benefits in fraud control.

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The Irish navy gunboat, the LE Orla has been mobilized in the latest escalation of the standoff between Shell, the Irish state and Shell to Sea campaigners in County Mayo.

The current standoff began at the end of July when 13 local people were arrested for demanding that Shell produce proof of permission for work at Glengad, at what is a public beach and special area of conservation, and for interrupting Shell's work when they could not produce the proof of permission.

Shell's arrogant disregard to the rights of local community and the Irish state's support for Shell in the form of Garda and navy backing continues. An overall awareness that this is not a localized issue but an attack on the right of people to the collective ownership of the natural resources is necessary.

Why can't socialists get together?

The Irish Socialist Network is talking to a half dozen other groups about unity. The Socialist Workers Party, always in a hurry, simply wants everyone else to join their People Before Profit creation.

Should the country be ruled by a parliament, by workers' councils or even by a one party dictatorship? Should it be old-style left Labour or libertarian socialism? Should it be sympathetic to the regime in Cuba, or even to the totalitarian Stalinist dynasty in North Korea?

Most importantly, real socialism is inseparable from freedom and direct democracy. Freedom to speak, to discuss, to travel, to organise, to take control of our own lives. All those effected by a decision should have the opportunity of taking part in making that decision.