

James Connolly

Quotes

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The great appear great to us.

~James Connolly

The Irish people will only be free, when they own everything from the plough to the stars

~James Connolly

Yes, friends, governments in capitalist society are but committees of the rich to manage the affairs of the capitalist class.

~James Connolly

If you strike at, imprison, or kill us, out of our prisons or graves we will still evoke a spirit that will thwart you, and perhaps, raise a force that will destroy you! We defy you! Do your worst!

~James Connolly

Don't be 'practical' in politics. To be practical in that sense means that you have schooled yourself to think along the lines, and in the grooves that those who rob you would desire you to think.

~James Connolly

The British Government has no right in Ireland, never had any right in Ireland, and never can have any right in Ireland.

~James Connolly

We believe in constitutional action in normal times; we believe in revolutionary action in exceptional times.

~James Connolly

Apostles of Freedom are ever idolised when dead, but crucified when alive.

~James Connolly

Yes, ruling by fooling, is a great British art with great Irish fools to

practice on.

~James Connolly

No revolutionary movement is complete without its poetical expression.

~James Connolly

The worker is the slave of capitalist society, the female worker is the slave of that slave.

~James Connolly

The cause of Labour is the cause of Ireland, and the cause of Ireland is the cause of Labour

~James Connolly

Whenever the clergy succeeded in conquering political power in any country, the result has been disastrous to the interests of religion and inimical to the progress of humanity.

~James Connolly

There can be no perfect Europe in which Ireland is denied even the least of its national rights.

~James Connolly

Though I have usually posed as a Catholic, I have not done my duty for 15 years, and have not the slightest tincture of faith left.

~James Connolly

Only the Irish working class remains as the incorruptible inheritors of the fight for freedom in Ireland.

~James Connolly

Irish tory employers hid[e] their sweatshops behind orange flags, and Irish home rule landlords us[e] the green sunburst of Erin to cloak their rack-renting in the festering slums of our Irish towns.

~James Connolly

Without the power of the Industrial Union behind it, Democracy can only enter the State as the victim enters the gullet of the Serpent.

~James Connolly

The Irishman in English literature may be said to have been born with an apology in his mouth.

~James Connolly

I can always guarantee that the Irish Citizen Army will fight but I cannot guarantee that it will be on time

~James Connolly

If you remove the English army to-morrow and hoist the green flag over Dublin Castle, unless you set about the organisation of the Socialist Republic your efforts would be in vain.

~James Connolly

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