

Imagine you are ...

... in the crowd listening to Tommy Geehan, leader of the Revolutionary Workers' Group, at the Customs House, Belfast, 3rd October 1932.

Fellow workers, we have got to win this fight, if we don't win it, the future will only hold for us the same mass misery, mass poverty and mass destitution.

We have got to win, and not to ask ourselves 'Can we win?' We must win! We ... have got to get results in this desperate fight, we have got to win, and no matter what the costs or sacrifices may be, we will win.

1. You are the wife of an unemployed WW1 veteran

- How do you feel listening to these words?
- Would you join the strikers? Why?
- What risks are there to your husband and children if you support the strike?

2. You are an Ulster Unionist member of the Northern Ireland Parliament

- How do you feel listening to these words?
- What do you think of the Revolutionary Workers' Groups?
- Do you think the unemployed workers are right to protest?

3. You are a trade unionist working in the shipyards

- How do you feel listening to these words?
- Would you join the strikers? Why?
- What would you like to see happen as a result of the strike?



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