The Crisis Of British Socialism Essays On The Rise Of Harold Wilson And The Fall Of The Labour Party

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The British Labour Party (BLP) was the most successful left-wing party in Ireland until its Irish career was terminated by the third home rule crisis, an experience so bruising that, a century on, the party was still debating whether it should again become active in Ireland. During the 1970s, the fortunes of the party in Belfast, and the history of its leading personality, William Walker, became central to a wider debate on the nature of Unionism and the basis of Protestant working-class politics. Walker’s political career also became polemicised by groups campaigning for the BLP to contest e