

Dear Comrades,

This letter comes from most of the individuals in the JAC. We did not like some attempts made at the Conference to create opposition between JAC and CWM. We always considered CWM our closest comrades; we suspended publication of Proletarian Mirror, and sold a lot of copies of Workers' Notes; we did propogada about the CWM in this country and abroad and said that ~~its~~ its formation was the best thing to happen to the ML movement in Britain for a long time. In our view CWM was part of JAC and the rest of JAC was made up of individuals who felt that joining a small group would hinder party-building; we wanted to remain a very loose organisation because we felt thas was the best way to create conditions for a strong, proletarian organisation!

There was quite a lot of dogma talked at the Conference and some people referred a lot to the Red Book while missing the real substance of Chairman Mao's thought: which class do we serve, who are the real makers of history and the source of correct ideas? Our ideology has a definite class character. Theory is important, but we must go through the process: theory-practice-theory; definitely not theory-theory-theory. Our line developes dialectically from the masses to the masses.

Comrade I.W. should not have made the reproach that "the CWM and JAC haven't even been able to join together". We did not want to prevent the Conference from achieving what we hoped it would achieve, i.e. progress towards the dissolution of all the groups.

But the Conference did not achieve thas hoped-for result, so now there is a new situation. We fully agree with Comrade I.W. that now we have to organise ourselves.

We now propose that comrades of the CWM and JAC should join to form one organisation. This would be a single organisation and we would not form a faction within it. We propose a meeting attended by all or as many as possible of the comrades of the CWM and JAC to ~~approve~~ approve a constitution which could be drafted in advance.

We were pleased to note that most of the participants in the conference, even those who disagreed with us on many things, said they would co-operate on specific projects; our organisation should co-operate with others wherever possible.

We enclose a draft outline for a constitution for our joint organisation. We are not doing this in order to pose conditions but only to show that it is not difficult for us to unite. We are ready to negotiate on all our proposals in the spirit of Mao Tsetung's article published in our pamphlet.

We think this letter should be circulated among all members of CWM for discussion.

With communist greetings

PRINCIPLES

The organisation takes the class stand of the proletariat and its guiding ideology is Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought

The organisation seeks to contribute towards mobilising the working class to overthrow capitalism and imperialism, to carry out the socialist revolution, smash the bourgeois state and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat (the working class organised as ruling class).

Our ultimate aim is to realise communism, a classless society.

Our immediate aim is to work towards building a genuine Communist Party.

Our organisation upholds proletarian internationalism, supports the genuine socialist countries like China and Albania, and supports the national-independent movement of Asia, Africa and Latin America. We seek to unite with all forces that can be united against imperialism, particularly against the two superpowers, the USA and the USSR.

We resolutely oppose chauvinism and racism, and work for a united front against fascism.

We have to struggle really firmly against bourgeois ideology inside the workers' movement, especially against modern revisionism headed by the renegades of the Soviet Union.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

The organisation is open to anyone who accepts the principles of this constitution, who is determined to carry out the mass line and learn from and serve the working class, who works actively and pays his or her dues.

Procedure for enrolling members (to be discussed).

Good care must be taken to keep out opportunists and spies.

We observe proletarian discipline: the majority decides and the centre leads the whole organisation. Policies are decided on through broad democratic discussion. Those who are in a minority can reserve their views but must strictly carry out the collective decision.

Practice Marxism not revisionism, unite and don't split, be open and aboveboard and don't intrigue and conspire.

There is a danger of our organisation turning revisionist, and to prevent this all members must conscientiously study Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and dare to struggle against any wrong tendency. We practice criticism and self criticism and must always be vigilant against revisionism which includes both empiricism and dogmatism.

ORGANISATION

This section should deal with election of the leading body, frequency and procedure for general meetings, local branches etc. (to be discussed)

PARTY BUILDING

We are ready to co-operate with all groups or individuals who share the same principles as we do, particularly in carrying out ~~joint~~ specific joint activities. We will not have a sectarian attitude towards them. Our urgent common task is to build a unified Communist Party, the vanguard party of the proletariat.