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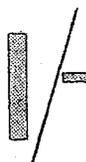
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This article is addressed to all fellow workers who see the leadership of the trade unions is actively assisting the capitalist class against our interests, and want to do something about it.

Before we start the job we must know what we are trying to achieve. This will establish our main goal and help to put lesser problems, however difficult to overcome, into their true light. We want to put an end to the *system in this country which allows a minority to derive the benefits from the labour of the working people; and that ruthlessly steals the raw materials from countries overseas - often under the protection of the armed forces that we are made to pay for through taxation. A system that buys its labour overseas cheap through maintaining an unemployment rate so high that many workers are kept permanently out of work. The only alternative for those who can scrape enough together, is to leave their homes and go to another country to find a living for themselves and their families. All of this to produce the greatest possible profit for those few imperialists.

We want to build a society in which the vast mineral, technical and cultural resources of the working people of England are free to develop to the maximum - not held back, sabotaged and even destroyed in the interest of making profit for those few imperialists. We want to help our blood brothers and sisters overseas achieve freedom. Our goal at the present time is to destroy the old and corrupt imperialist society and build a new socialist society.

The experience of others who have achieved, or tried to achieve, similar goals provide valuable lessons which we should not hesitate to apply to our own work. However it is from our own practice that we will discover the correct solutions to our problems.

We must be prepared to make some mistakes - encounter some setbacks - from which we must also learn to develop the correct approach and arrive at the right solution. If we make no mistakes we can be sure we have made nothing worthwhile - nothing that has caused us to reassess and reapply our ideas.

We must always listen to the criticisms of the masses - what may to us appear a success can to others have serious drawbacks.

The main enemy of the working people of the world is imperialism led by the most powerful - U.S. imperialism. British imperialism is split between the quisling imperialists who have sold out their talent for greed to U.S. imperialism and those who fear U.S. take-over and are huddling together for greater protection.

1.) By mounting an attack on growing U.S. imperialist exploitation of this country's workers and resources, we can take advantage of this weakness.

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political task of organising and leading the workers rather than the reform of the Union apparatus - which will in any case be swept away along with the other trappings of this imperialist system when the Working Class takes power. The cadres of the revolutionary party of the working people and the new shop stewards will initiate the struggle within the unions and help to guide it along the correct line - but they should not themselves stand for election to higher posts.

Easy and effective communications between the new shop stewards and his shop floor, and between different sections is of the utmost importance. It is vital from the beginning to overcome the physical divisions imposed by different locations of work and shift working. A regular mass paper may solve this problem and at the same time help in the broadening and raising of political awareness of the masses. A local paper, separate from and supplementary to the central mass paper - must be the 'property' of the masses. The new shop stewards and cadres of the party will be able through such a paper to actively encourage the development of the art and literature of the masses.

What are the weaknesses in our ranks that we must repair?

The enemy will always try to advise the working class against itself.

Racialism is part and parcel of Imperialism, and the most urgent task of the new shop stewards, at present, is to resolve the contradiction between black and white workers, whether it affects his local situation directly or indirectly. There can be no doubt that the most oppressed section of the working class in England today is the Black Worker. Today the Imperialist ruling class mounts its most concentrated (fascist) attack at what it considers the weakest point - the racism of the native English working class. Tomorrow, with correct leadership Marxist-Leninist leadership, this weakness will be transformed into an indestructable bond (of steel) between black and white workers. A Union that spells disaster for Imperialism.

This is our goal. We will achieve it only by attacking the main enemy - Imperialism, and establish working class power.

The unity of all workers against their common enemy is a central task of the new shop stewards.

Another principle division among the organised working class is that between Unions, and between craftsmen and labourer, sometimes with the same union.

A general call for unity is not enough. A practical working unity must be built by Workers Committees on the shop floor. The mass demand for a 'single union' for any particular industry can be brought about in this way. The development of a Working alliance of differing unions subject to shop floor control and led by the new shop stewards and cadres of the party is another central task.

The workers Committees are independent mass bodies led by the cadres of the party. In this way the Workers Cttes become united themselves through a trusted central leadership. With correct

leadership the party will retain the confidence of the masses & tempered in struggle, will be the instrument that smashes the Imperialist ruling class and lead the way to power.

This implies another central task that the new shop stewards and cadres of the party have - to prepare the Workers Cttes to sieze power and once having obtained it to keep it. Again a general call is not enough, the practical task of preparing the Workers Cttes to run their own country must begin now!

Establish Workers Committees everywhere.

Unite all who can be united against the main enemy - Imperialism led by U.S imperialists.

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