

Letter on Comrade McCreery's death

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[EROL note: The death of Michael McCreery was noted in the newsletter of a small group that had formerly been in the New England District of the Communist Party, USA. Sometimes going by the name to the New England Party of Labor, the Hammer & Steel group later began calling itself Ray O. Light.]

Dear Comrades:

Your letter informing us of Comrade McCreery's death was delayed. We were unable, therefore to send a message to the memorial meeting.

We met Comrade McCreery in August last year. He was extremely busy yet he found time for talks with us. He had a keen understanding of the importance of a Marxist-Leninist movement in the U.S. He understood well the need for comradely criticism and theoretical assistance to the students of Marxism-Leninism in our country.

Comrade McCreery had outstanding respect for Marxist-Leninist theory. Unless the newly developing Marxist-Leninist organisations are able to break theoretically with revisionism, to develop Marxist-Leninist ideology and combine it with the conditions of struggle in each country, then we too will fall into revisionist paths.

Comrade McCreery well understood that Marxist-Leninist groups and parties from different countries will not automatically agree with each other on all points under present conditions. Yet he clearly saw the need for reaching international ideological unity as soon as possible.

The death of Comrade Michael McCreery is a great loss to the comrades in Great Britain and the international Marxist-Leninist movement. There is no doubt that the struggle against imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, and the bitter battle against imperialism's revisionist agents will produce comrades who will successfully carry on the challenging tasks facing Marxist-Leninists in Great Britain.

Signed/ H. Chase, Chairman, Ed. Board.