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## MARXIST - LENINIST LEADER

April 10th 1968 is the third anniversary of the tragic death of Michael McCreery at the age of 36. His premature death was a terrible blow for the young Marxist-Leninist movement in the British Isles and especially in England. But his clear analysis of the British situation and of how to apply Marxist-Leninist principles concretely to our own condition is still with us - playing a leading role in the development of the British Marxist-Leninist movement. His ideas - Marxism-Leninism in and for Britain - can never die.

At the present time, the programme and organisation of the Marxist-Leninist Party of England are being forged through struggle and through discussion, and are gaining a real base among working people throughout the country. The Working Peoples' Party of England will hold its inaugural Congress on May 4th and 5th.

Meanwhile phoney revolutionaries, fearing this development, are hastily setting up organisations in the King Street mould with a false front of allegedly pro-Mao window-dressing for the purpose of propping up the tottering political careers of the "leaders" and obstructing real revolutionary advance. These neo-revisionists mouth quotations from Chairman Mao like passwords to worm their way into the Marxist-Leninist movement so as to confuse honest militants and revolutionaries and get their support - so that they can go on making a comfortable living out of the class struggle. But these "leaders" and status-seekers have no intention of applying Mao's Thought in practice to develop a revolutionary mass movement here in Britain. They continue to practice King Street economist, defensist politics only with a slightly more 'left' phraseology. Moreover, these neo-revisionists have begun to rewrite the history of the anti-revisionist and Marxist Leninist movement in Britain. Their fables contrive to ignore all developments before 1965. Michael McCreery - his life, works and struggles - is an embarrassing indictment of their own opportunist careers. It is therefore all the more necessary to keep fresh and vivid the memory of Michael - the leader of an organised group of comrades who took the decisive lead in 1963 of publicly repudiating the revisionist CPGB leadership and starting out to rebuild a Marxist-Leninist Party in these islands.

### BACKGROUND

McCreery was born into a bourgeois, military family and was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. He also served in Military Intelligence and was trained in security and police methods. It is therefore most significant that his intimate knowledge of the British

