

After the Conference -- Towards Unity

Our work post conference should have the dual purpose of moving towards the unity of Marxists Leninists in Britain, on principle and in practice, in a democratic centralist organisation towards the formation of a revolutionary party; and of strengthening the ML revolutionary movement among the masses.

Since the purpose of the conference is to bring together MLs in Britain to pool their collective experience, to find areas of agreement from which we can organise jointwork, and to clarify those areas of disagreement which will need further study, practice and debate, a programme of work is needed to consolidate and develop the results of the conference, leading onto a second conference at a later stage.

We propose the following programme of work.

- 1) Meetings to arrange and discuss the findings of 'study and investigation of areas, decided on by the conference, needing further clarification. The conference will appoint a convening group, to arrange 6-8 weekly meetings. The group will be responsible for bringing together the findings of the investigation, study and debate in a regular broadsheet to be sent to all MLs.
- 2) To summate the findings of the conference into a document to be published, the conference should appoint a work group. This will also be responsible for the preparations for a second conference..
- 3) Jointpractical work in fields of propaganda, agitation and organisation on major issues for the revolution in Britain, involving work in Trade Unions, broad fronts, localities, together with demonstrations and propaganda campaigns. To coordinate this work, the conference should appoint 2 people to convene regular, possibly six-weekly meetings.

There are many important questions which MLs must take up in their practical and ideological work, including- Ireland, Danger of war and the Soviet Union, Cuts, Racialism/ fascism, Unemployment, wages and prices. However there are some central issues which we should particularly concentrate our forces on.

To decide which are these issues, we must remember Mao's advice on mass work - that all work should start from the need of the masses, from the ones they are conscious of, not from those objective needs, that we might recognise, but which the masses are not yet aware of. If we took the latter course, we would isolate ourselves, and any work we planned needing the participation of the masses would just remain a formality. Such central issues that are consciously felt by the masses today, we should say are

- 1) Wages
- 2) Prices
- 3) Unemployment
- 4) Racialism / Fascism.

It is essential for the building of a Marxist Leninist movement among the masses, that a concrete alternative is provided, a concrete programme of action, not just vague words on a socialist future. This is the only way that the ML movement can really mobilise the masses by showing through our practice that we are serving the masses and leading the way to socialism.

Proposals for Joint Practical Work

Wages

A) MLs to work on the shop floor, in trade union branches, on trades councils to

- 1) Oppose the Social Contract and other forms of wage freeze, MLs in the same union or in the same area to coordinate their work on this issue, in agitating for a change in union policy, in agitating for their trades council to oppose wage controls..

- 2) Expose trade union leaders and officials who push such contracts with capitalism and sell the workers out by working with government employers and management. In individual disputes where TU officials are selling out, MLs to coordinate action to mobilise branches in area, exposing corrupt officials from their posts while extending all possible support to the shop floor workers. MLs to investigate and publicise employers' actual bribery of TU officials.

- 3) Expose CPGB, Trotskyites and left Labour Party false opposition to the social contract, their reformism.

B) MLs to participate in and/or organise national demonstrations against

the social contract.. To put on campaigns, with pickets, leaflets, public meetings and posters, agitating against the social contract.

Prices

A) Nationwide campaign to boycott certain highly priced goods. MLs would produce and distribute posters and leaflets, arrange public meeting meetings and coordinate pickets of major supermarkets.

B) Propaganda to

- 1) Expose high profits of food companies
- 2) Government prices policy
- 3) The stockpiling of food to keep prices up.

C) Investigate where stockpiles exist, and organise demonstrations outside them.

Unemployment

A) MLs to work on shop floors, in trade union branches, on trades councils to

1) Fight closures, redundancies, voluntary redundancies among the employed, as well as "natural wastage" and early retirement schemes.

2) Extend every support to workers involved in such struggles, mobilising support from other shop floors, trade union branches and unemployed.

3) Expose sell-out of any TU official on this question and mobilise workers to remove the official.

4) Expose the Left of various shades and their "solutions"- nationalisation, "workers control" - on the shop floor and in general propaganda.

B) Propaganda campaign to:

1) counter "scrounger" propaganda, which tries to split workers.

2) Expose social security system. We pay anyway!

3) Expose Labour Govt. line on unemployment.

C) Formation of a national organisation of the unemployed to organise young and old, and to which TU branches can affiliate.

The aims of this broad front organisation should include:

1) Organisation of the unemployed in to a programme of action.

2) Propaganda, with marches and demos, of protests against unemployment, and 'scrounger' propaganda.

3) campaign for higher social security.

4) Win support of rank and file TU members, by working in branches and getting branch to affiliate.

5) To forge unity between employed and unemployed by helping each other in strikes, pickets against closures, wages issues on demos.

6) Together with employed to demand shorter working week with no reduction in wages, providing more jobs.

7) Propaganda to show up capitalist system eg. shortage of housing and building workers on on dole; hospitals closed and health workers out of a job; schools overcrowded with unemployed teachers etc.

Organise unemployed with such organisations as tenants associations unions, patients, students to demand that these workers be employed..

MLs to leaflet unemployment offices, publicising organisation, aims inviting unemployed to form local groups to be responsible for work as outlined above.

Racialism and fascism

Our aim should be to strengthen all anti-fascist forces in Britain. To do this MLs should a) fight racialism and fascism on the shop floor, among fellow workers, and expose the splitting tactics of management, and the vicious anti-working class tactics of the NF. The NF must be isolated and defeated.

b) participate in, or, if lacking, instigate broad front work against racialism and fascism across the country.

c) organise discussion and action groups in definite geographical areas, linked to the broad-front committees, which would work locally putting out propaganda, or public meetings against all manifestations of racialism or fascism.

d) expose in propaganda work corporate measures being introduced by the Labour Govt. and the erosion of bourgeois democratic rights.