
Revolutionary Communist League of Britain

Editorial [on the role of a political paper]

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EDITORIAL

'Class Struggle' is the monthly, political paper of the Revolutionary Communist League. It carries reports and analysis on events in this country and internationally. It takes a stand with the oppressed and exploited people of the world and aims to be a weapon in their struggle for change.

AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND HEGEMONISM

While recognising that our main enemy in the struggle for revolutionary change in this country is British imperialism, 'Class Struggle' supports the struggles of the peoples and nations of the Third World against imperialism, especially the two superpowers. It recognises that the USSR is again a prison house of nations, based on a class system and a superpower aggressor contending with the USA for world domination. We also have a particular responsibility to give unconditional support to those fighting British imperialism from Azania to Ireland.

We do not preach to the liberation movements, tell them their alleged shortcomings, pick and choose between them, or qualify our solidarity. As much as possible in our small number of pages, we attempt to give them a platform to speak, reprinting articles, press releases and speeches, or using their sources for our reports.

NATIONAL OPPRESSION

Similarly, within this country we recognise the importance of the national oppression of black and Irish people and their struggles against it. We try to support their struggles and given them a platform. We recognise that British imperialism has been built on both national and class exploitation and oppression, and support the struggles of

the people of Wales and Scotland for national freedom as well as the many forms of struggle by the working class and progressive people in this country.

CENTRAL ROLE OF PAPER

'Class Struggle' also tries to do more than report on progressive and revolutionary struggles, important as this is. It is the paper of a communist organisation and aims to spread the ideas of Marxism-Leninism Mao Zedong Thought and apply them to the concrete conditions in the world today, particularly to the task of developing a revolutionary strategy for this country.

It attempts to show the inter-relationship between different struggles and to put the particular struggles in the more general context of the crisis of British and the world imperialist system today.

In this way, it has a key role to play in all our political work. The League organises round it, puts over its views and policies in its pages and seeks to pose an alternative to social-democratic and other trends which offer no real way out of the present system.

The paper has an important role to play as a collective organiser, bringing together people from different areas of struggle with a common general perspective and aim. It has a central role to play in the task of rebuilding a genuine communist party which can act as a centre of leadership for the working class and progressive people in this country. The fact that so many "revolutionary" groups have set themselves up in a sectarian way, isolated from the masses and claiming to provide all the answers, does not negate the need to build a genuine party.

