

CRITICISM OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE W.P.P.E. (1968)

The programme of the WPPE raises two main questions in relation to the possibility of closer work between the WPPE and the CFB: one is concerned with what is the role and purpose of a programme, and the other is concerned with how well this particular programme satisfies these requirements.

A. The Role and Purpose of a programme.

The CFB view of the role of a programme and its position in the development of the Marxist-Leninist movement is set out in the J.C.C. statement on the question of party building. Here one of the conditions for the formation of a party is given as

"a draft programme that would need to be fully discussed to ensure that it was fully understood by all the constituent parts of the organisation and would stand the test of time; furthermore in the production of such a draft programme it would be necessary for a number of publications, statements, etc. to be brought out."

A further condition that throws light on this is given as

"to have carried out as an organisation practical work upon which concrete evaluation could be made and practical conclusions drawn."

Thus the CFB, which is the descendant of the JCC, does not believe that it is possible to draw up an effective programme except over a relatively long period of time.

This view is both the result of some years practical experience of the problems of developing the Marxist-Leninist movement in this country (see *Origins and Perspectives of the Marxist-Leninist Movement in Britain*) and also has a theoretical basis.

From the theoretical point of view one could say that Mao Tsetung summed up the task of Marxist-Leninists within any particular country when he wrote of Japan

"The Japanese revolution will undoubtedly be victorious, provided the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism is really integrated with the concrete practice of the Japanese revolution."

It is relatively easy to state in theoretical form the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism and relatively easy to engage in some sort of practice but to tie the two together in a totally integrated way is a task that we expect to take many years of trial and error. Only then will we have a programme that sums up this vital relationship and can be tested successfully in practice.

