

CONFERENCE ★ RESOLUTIONS



★ RESOLUTION ON PEOPLE'S CHINA

This founding conference of the Marxist-Leninist Organisation of Britain sends warm fraternal greetings to, and expresses its firm solidarity with, the Communist Party of China, led by Comrade Mao Tse-tung.

It affirms that the thought of Chairman Mao is a further creative development of the science of Marxism-Leninism, and that one of the cardinal tasks of Marxist-Leninists in the advanced capitalist countries, including Britain, is to elaborate Mao Tse-tung's teachings on the strategy and tactics of revolutionary struggle and apply them to the concrete conditions existing in highly industrialised and urbanised imperialist countries such as Britain, where the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and its state apparatus are particularly widely developed and firmly entrenched.

It wholeheartedly wishes success to the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which is directed against bourgeois and revisionist ideas and against enemies of the working people who have wormed their way into high positions in the party and state of People's China.

It declares its complete understanding of the indignation felt by the Chinese people at the repression of their compatriots in Hong Kong, who form a part of the Chinese nation oppressed by British colonial dictatorship. It expresses its firm solidarity with the people of Hong Kong in their struggle for liberation from British imperialist rule.

It regards as an important task facing Marxist-Leninists in Britain the building of a genuine, nation-wide, broad movement of friendship and solidarity with People's China, the leading bastion of socialism in the world today.

★ RESOLUTION ON RACIALISM

This founding conference of the Marxist-Leninist Organisation of Britain recognises that immigrant workers, particularly coloured workers, form an especially severely exploited section of the British working class and are frequently subjected to the vilest racist social discrimination. We well understand that this racial discrimination, together with the sterility of white petit-bourgeois liberalism, has undermined the confidence of many coloured workers in the possibility of genuine and active solidarity with their white brothers.

We resolve:

- to fight racial discrimination wherever it raises its head;
- to explain forcibly that all slogans based on either "white supremacy" or "black supremacy" are racist and diversionist, and serve the reactionary aims of the ruling class to split the working class along antagonistic racial lines;
- to strive to expose the emptiness and hypocrisy of white liberalism.

We welcome wholeheartedly the rising militancy of coloured workers in Britain and abroad, and resolve to strive with all our power to build firm, militant, revolutionary unity between coloured and white workers, in alliance with the peoples under British colonial and neo-colonial rule, against their common enemy and oppressors, the British imperialists, with the fundamental aim of replacing capitalist society in Britain with a socialist society in which the exploitation of man by man, as well as all discrimination based on race or nationality, have been eliminated.

★ RESOLUTION ON PEOPLE'S ALBANIA

This founding conference of the Marxist-Leninist Organisation of Britain sends its warmest fraternal greetings to, and declares its complete solidarity with, the Albanian Party of Labour which, under the leadership of Comrade Enver Hoxha, has remained unshakably loyal to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and to the working class of the world.

It greets with joy the ever-swifter development of the socialist revolution in the People's Republic of Albania as a victory for the working people of all lands.

It pledges itself to publicise as widely as possible the inspiring achievements of the Albanian working people, led by its Party of Labour, in transforming their formerly backward country into a model of accelerating socialist construction and a fortress of working class power in Europe, standing guard against the predatory aims of world imperialism, headed by the U.S. imperialists, and its revisionist allies, headed by the treacherous leaders of the Soviet Union. It pledges itself to strive to build the firmest friendship, unity and solidarity between the working people of Britain and their staunch and unwavering allies, the working people of socialist Albania.



★ RESOLUTION ON THE NATIONAL QUESTION IN BRITAIN

This founding conference of the Marxist-Leninist Organisation of Britain, taking its stand on the Marxist-Leninist principles on the national question elaborated by Lenin and Stalin, hold that the peoples of Scotland, Wales and England form a single British nation. The people of Northern Ireland, on the other hand, form a part of the Irish nation under the colonial rule of British imperialism, and we stand solidly with the Irish people for the liberation of the whole of the Irish nation from British rule.

We regard the Scottish and Welsh "nationalist" movements as petty-bourgeois, pseudo-nationalist movements of protest against the particularly severe exploitation of the workers and petty-bourgeoisie of Scotland and Wales. We are opposed to the aims of these "nationalists" to divide the British people on "national" lines and to bring about the formation of separate states based on Scotland, Wales and England.

The aim of the M.L.O.B. is to bring about the firm, militant, revolutionary unity of the working people of all the regions of Britain, led by the working class, in struggle against their common enemy, the British imperialists, in order to establish the rule of the British working people, led by the working class, within a single, socialist, People's Republic of Britain - the democratic dictatorship of the British working class, which will accord the fullest regional autonomy to Scotland, Wales and England and stimulate the maximum economic and social development of these regions, including all that is progressive in their distinctive nationality cultures.

While recognising that the reactionary and divisive "nationalist" movements must be taken into account in determining our Marxist-Leninist strategy and tactics, we oppose all opportunist attempts to put forward a "nationalist" programme disguised under the false cloak of "Marxism" for any region of Britain. In particular, we carry forward the line of Lenin, Stalin and the Communist International in opposing all moves to split the British Marxist-Leninist movement into separate organisations based on Scotland, Wales and England, and stand firmly on the principle of a single Marxist-Leninist organisation - leading to a single Marxist-Leninist Party - for the whole of Britain.

(These Resolutions were carried unanimously)



★ RESOLUTION ON VIETNAM

This founding conference of the Marxist-Leninist Organisation of Britain declares its complete solidarity with the people of Vietnam, struggling heroically for their liberation from the barbarous aggression of United States imperialism.

It regards this struggle as the focal point of the developing world-wide struggle of the peoples against imperialism - not least because one of the cardinal aims of the U.S. imperialists, in their bid for world domination, is to bring about, in collusion with the treacherous revisionist leadership of the Soviet Union, the encirclement of People's China and to transform Vietnam into a springboard for aggression against the world bastion of socialism.

It therefore greets every blow rained by the Vietnamese forces of national liberation against the U.S. invaders as a blow for the peoples of the whole world against their main enemy - world imperialism, headed by the United States imperialists - and thus as a blow for socialism and world peace.

It pledges itself to work unceasingly to expose the Wilson government's reactionary and hypocritical support of U.S. aggression, together with the shameful collusion of the revisionist leaders of the Soviet Union with the imperialists in pressing the Vietnamese people to accept sham "peace negotiations" which would be equivalent to surrender to the U.S. aggressors. It regards only the complete removal of U.S. forces from Vietnamese soil as an acceptable basis for peace.

It regards as an important task confronting Marxist-Leninists in Britain that of building a genuine, nation-wide, broad movement of solidarity with the heroic people of Vietnam on the basis of the five-point statement of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and the four-point declaration of the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

★ RESOLUTION ON WORK IN BROAD FRONT ORGANISATIONS

This founding conference of the Marxist-Leninist Organisation of Britain lays down the following principles for the guidance of Marxist-Leninists working in broad front organisations.

A broad front organisation should have a specific and limited aim (such as solidarity with Vietnam, or friendship with People's China). Every effort should be made to mobilise in, and in support of, the organisation all those who support its aims, irrespective of their views on other issues. The work of building the membership should be so directed as to strive to make the working class the leading force in the organisation.

The organisation should undertake no actions outside the field of its aim which would tend to alienate those who support the aim of the organisation, but have not yet taken up a full Marxist-Leninist position. On the other hand, no compromise should be made to those who press that, in order not to give "offence", the actions of the organisation in pursuit of its aims should be restricted.

A broad front organisation can only be truly effective when it is led by a Marxist-Leninist vanguard. Marxist-Leninists should take the initiative in founding such broad front organisations as the development of the struggle makes necessary. Marxist-Leninists working in a broad front organisation should form a cell within it, determine their policy in relation to the organisation and seek to win the membership for that policy. This policy should always be based on the long-term interests of the working class movement, and form a part of the strategy of mobilising the working people, led by the working class, for socialist revolution.