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# Workers Broadsheet

## *The first Congress of the* **WORKING PEOPLES' PARTY OF ENGLAND**

On May 4th and 5th last took place the inaugural Congress of the Working Peoples' Party of England. Delegates and Greetings were received from Scotland, the Caribbean, Africa, India, France, Portugal, New Zealand, Channel Islands, Wales and Quebec.

The programme adopted has been developed in 5 years of hard work. Its origin was in the revolt against the flight from socialism and the repudiation of revolution by the Communist Party of Great Britain - a revolt led in 1963 by the late Michael McCreery, basing itself on the famous twenty-five points of the "Proposal Concerning the General Line of the International Communist Movement" put forward on 14.6.63. by the Communist Party of China.

The Working Peoples' Party of England takes these twenty-five points as the basis of its international position, as do all Marxist-Leninist Parties. It also recognises that a revolutionary party in any country must work out ITS OWN PROGRAMME, as every successful revolutionary has done starting with Lenin.

The present acutely developing crisis in Britain, which is fundamentally a deepening economic crisis of imperialism, has now reached the stage of being an openly political crisis. This has been foreseen and foretold by us since 1964 as has also the suddenly generally recognised DISINTEGRATION of the Labour Party.

This disintegration results from the Tory policy of the Government, itself a result of the absence in the Labour Party of any socialist principle, of any theoretical analysis or critique of capitalism as a social system that bases itself, and necessarily bases itself, on rule by a privileged class over the mass of the people. The W.P.P.E. reminds all workers THAT THE LABOUR PARTY HAS NEVER BEEN SOCIALIST.

The Party that still calls itself Communist, and claims to be Marxist-Leninist, is now increasingly recognised to be nothing of the sort, but merely a baton-follower of the now thoroughly discredited revisionist Party leadership in Moscow, the contemptible heirs of a once great revolutionary party.

Moreover, the W.P.P.E. recognises that a mistake was made at the very foundation of the C.P.G.B. in 1920, the theoretical and practical achievements

of James Connolly and John McClean, both acclaimed by Lenin, were not heeded as they should have been.

We recognise that England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland are four nations, not one, and that therefore each requires, and will certainly soon develop, as already in Scotland and now in England, its own revolutionary party. These four national parties, all basing themselves on Marxism-Leninism, in its new stage of development by Mao Tse-tung, will then develop a common policy and united leadership in a Federal Party of the British Isles.

The international connections of the Party will particularly be with those peoples fighting most vigorously and at a most advanced stage for their national freedom and socialist development as in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Burma, Indonesia, India, much of Africa, the whole Caribbean and Quebec. On the other hand, it will also be with those peoples most nearly related to our own position as the working class in the imperialist country whose ruling class both supports U.S. imperialism - as do, in greater or less measure, all imperialist countries - and also is being increasingly eaten up and dominated by this same U.S. imperialism.

We shall therefore seek to develop close comradely relations with the revolutionary parties, who prove themselves such in practice, of all European countries and of the U.S.A. itself.

There we give fullest support to the struggle of the Afro-Americans for liberation (Black Power), as the already widely recognised present stage of the necessary REVOLUTION in the imperialist U.S., which alone can finally achieve racial equality by bringing the working class, led by its politically most advanced section, their revolutionary party and the Afro-American workers, to power.

Here in Britain we also recognise that it is our Black class brothers who are at present leading REVOLUTIONARY development. The recent declaration of war on them by the neo-fascist Tory Enoch Powell, has already united them in defence against this racist attack, while the paralysed and increasingly helpless hypocrisy on this issue of all the capitalist parties, including both the Labour Party and its satellites such as the C.P.G.B., will help to achieve their destruction, for which revolutionary workers need not mourn.

The immediate danger is the emergence of a fascist party WITH WORKING CLASS SUPPORT. This is the real aim of Powell and of the wealthy men who are financing his carefully planned campaign. This was the initial success of Hitler that brought him to power. This is what we have to destroy by correctly assessing it and attacking it NOW before it can gather dangerous strength.

This is what none of the constitutional non-revolutionary parties, including the C.P.G.B., will or can do.

The first step is the organisation of SELF DEFENCE by our black class brothers. This step is already being taken by them.

The second step is the mobilisation of all sincere democrats, of all sincere haters of racism - to form WORKING PEOPLES' DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS everywhere. This is the form the anti-fascist, anti-racist United Front should take, if it is to achieve its object not merely to argue about racism but to destroy this loathsome disease before it destroys us.

The W.P.P.E therefore appeals now to all working people for the formation of Working Peoples' Defence Organisations as an immediate step.

The general establishment of Workers Committees of the W.P.P.E. everywhere, will ultimately be the basis - the only possible practical and democratic basis - of the Workers Power that alone can rescue our country from its increasingly disastrous situation, allow it to recover from its present increasing cynicism and despair, and see its future once more before it as a great one, worthy of the devotion that alone can make our national future a part of all humanity. For humanity, led by the working class, and its revolutionary party is taking control of its own destiny.

For national independence through unity of all who can be united against imperialism on a programme of national development - no freeze, no squeeze!

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For brotherhood and equality in the common struggle against the racist fascist enemy!

FOR WORKING PEOPLES' DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS EVERYWHERE!

FOR A SOCIALIST PEOPLES' REPUBLIC THROUGH WORKERS' POWER!

Chairman, Alex Hart.

Gen. Secretary, Rod Lee.