

Marxist-Leninist Organisation of Britain

The Traitors of King Street *Extract from Political Report:*

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[EROL note: The Communist Party of Great Britain had its party's headquarters at 16 King Street in London's Covent Garden. Anti-revisionists would often use the geographical reference as political shorthand when talking about the party leadership. The King Street premises were bought in 1921 by the newly established CPGB to provide meeting rooms and offices for the leadership and house the Communist Bookshop that acted as the Party's retail outlet for its publications and those of the Comintern and the Soviet Union. It was sold in 1976.]

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Since the late 1940s, went on Comrade Baker, the Communist Party had degenerated into a completely revisionist position.

“ THE CPGB PROGRAMME OF ‘PEACEFUL’, PARLIAMENTARY ADVANCE, ‘THE BRITISH ROAD TO SOCIALISM’, HAS FORMED THE POLITICAL BLUEPRINT, NOT FOR THE ADVANCE TO SOCIALISM, BUT FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE PARTY AS A PRINCIPLED MARXIST-LENINIST VANGUARD OF THE WORKING CLASS, FOR THE DECIMATION OF ITS MILITANT CADRE FORCE, FOR THE SYSTEMATIC DISSIPATION OF ITS ONCE POWERFUL BASE AMONG THE ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE PARTY INTO A HARMLESS, TRAGI-COMIC , PSEUDO- LEFT APPENDAGE OF THE LABOUR PARTY – A LUDICROUS PARODY OF THE PARTY OF THE WORKING MASSES AND OF SOCIALISM THAT IT ONCE WAS.”

He went on to say that, dishonest and politically sterile though the King Street leadership was, it performed a useful service both to British monopoly capitalists by diverting potentially revolutionary workers into harmless electoral “struggle”, and also to the international revisionist centre – the Soviet party and state leaders.

“ WE HAVE SHOULDERED THE TASK OF EXPOSING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN AS TRAITORS TO THE WORKING CLASS AND BETRAYERS OF THE GREAT CAUSE OF SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM, AND OF REPLACING THE ROTTEN, CORRUPT FRAMEWORK OF THE CPGB WITH THE BASIS FOR A NEW, VIGOROUS PROLETARIAN PARTY, WITH DEEP ROOTS IN THE WORKING CLASS AND COMMANDING THE STRATEGIC SECTORS OF THE WORKING CLASS AND PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT, WITH A DEMOCRATIC-CENTRALISED ORGANISATION WHICH WILL CARRY FORWARD TO VICTORY THE COMPLETE TASKS OF REVOLUTIONISING THE MASSES THROUGH RESOLUTE AND CORRECT LEADERSHIP IN STRUGGLE. THIS TASK WILL BE PROTRACTED AND MANY SIDED AND ARDUOUS, AND WILL DEMAND GREAT SACRIFICE FROM EACH OF US.

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THE REACTIONARY ROLE OF THE CPGB

The main agents assisting the right social-democrats in these reactionary tasks, said Comrade Baker, were the modern revisionists in the leadership of the Communist party of Great Britain.

“THESE RENEGADES TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM ARE FULFILLING THE ROLE OF MASQUERADING AS A PSEUDO-LEFT ‘OPPOSITION’ TO THE WILSON GOVERNMENT,... A SECOND LINE OF DEFENCE BEHIND THE LABOUR PARTY, WHICH IS INCREASINGLY BEING EXPOSED TO THE MASS OF THE PEOPLE IN ITS TRUE CHARACTER AS AN OPEN CAPITALIST PARTY. THEY ARE PREPARING THE BASIS FOR A NEW-STYLE REFORMIST PARTY OF DECEPTION AND DEMAGOGY WHICH, IT IS ENVISAGED, WILL COME INTO BEING AT THE CRITICAL MOMENT AS A LAST DITCH ATTEMPT TO DIVERT THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT ON TO THE ROCKS OF ‘PEACEFUL TRANSITION’ THROUGH A GENERAL ELECTION.

SUCH A PARTY COULD ONLY BE THE OLD WHORE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY PAINTED IN NEW COLOURS AND DECKED IN THE SHAM FINERY OF DEMAGOGIC, PSEUDO-MILITANT PHRASEOLOGY, THE DIRTY REACTIONARY ROLE WHICH THE CPGB LEADERSHIP HAS CARVED OUT FOR ITSELF THROUGH ITS BETRAYAL OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING CLASS IS THUS THAT OF BROTHEL-KEEPERS OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION – A ROLE WHICH NO DOUBT BETTER SUITS THEIR CHARACTER THAN THE MORE OPEN ONE ADOPTED BY SOME OF THEIR CONTINENTAL FELLOW-TRAITORS OF ACTING AS THE SHOCK-TROOPS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM.”

THE REVOLUTIONARY ROAD TO SOCIALISM IN BRITAIN

Comrade Baker went on to outline the road to socialism in Britain.

“IN BRITAIN, AS IN ALL OTHER DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES,... THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM MUST BE OPENED UP THROUGH MASS STRUGGLES AND ARMED CONQUEST OF STATE POWER BY THE WORKING CLASS AND ITS ALLIES.... THEIR COURSE MUST BE CLEARLY AND FIRMLY GUIDED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST VANGUARD PARTY.”

He said that the superstructure of ‘capitalist democracy’ –from parliament at its apex to the specialist organs at its base – was now been seen more and more cleanly for what it was : a capitalist talking –shop to deceive the masses, from which real power had long been stripped.

“IT IS HERE THAT THE BETRAYAL BY THE MODERN RVISIONIST CPGB LEADERSHIP OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MISSION OF THE WORKING CLASS BECOMES MOSE CLEARLY APPARENT. FOR WITH THE INCREASEING EXPOSURE OF THE LABOUR PARTY AS A N OPEN CAPITALIST PARTY, THE NEED FOR A NEW, APPARENTLY MORE MILITANT, MORE “LEFT” VARIETY OF REFORMIST PARLIAMENTARY PARTY DIRECTED AT THE RISING WORKING CLASS FORCES AND PARTICULARLY AT THEIR MOST MILITSNT,ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SECTIONS, BECOMES AN URGENT STRATEGIC NECESSITY FOR

THE MONOPOLY-CAPITALISTS RULING CLASS. IN THE PARTICULAR CONDITIONS OF THE INSOLUBLE CRISIS OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM, THIS CONSTITUTES THE OBJECTIVE BASIS FOR THE GROWTH OF MODERN REVISIONISM, AND OF A MODERN REVISIONIST 'LEFT' SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND THE FUSION OF THE PARTY WITH THE MORE 'FAR-SEEING' ELEMENTS IN THE 'LEFT-WING' OF THE OLD REFORMIST PARTY TO FORM A NEW REFORMIST PARTY DESTINED TO ACT AS ONE OF THE MAIN PILLARS OF DECEPTION IN THE CORPORATE FRAMEWORK WHICH IS NOW BEING BUILT."