

PROPOSALS ON THE SUGGESTED CONFERENCE OF MARXIST LENINISTS,

From the Communist Workers Movement.

To all Marxist Leninists in Britain,

Comrades,

More than ever before there is an urgent need for unity among Marxist Leninists to forge a path for the British Revolution.

Not only is the crisis deepening, with the possibility of its devolpping into a revolutionary situation, but as a corollary, the forces of reaction are getting organised, and shamefully to admit far better than we are.

The proletariat fights back, but still remains trammalled under the illusions of social-democracy and trade union consciousness, while the betrayals of revisionism have only strengthened and per-petuated this confusion.

In these pressing circumstances, the responsibilities on the shoulders of Marxist-Leninists are great.

Yet we are disastrously weak, organisationally, and ideol-ogically. For years we have recognised the need for a revolution-ary party, and have tried in our seperate ways to build it, or at least lay the foundations for it.

Today, we can no longer go our seperate ways... difficult though it may be, we must come together to synthesise our collective exp-erience to formulate a common line and programme.

When the Communist Workers Movement was formed, it set itself no other task than this --a stimulus to unity. In our 'Open Letter' to Marxist Leninist Organisations, we called upon Marxist - Leninists to work together for the convening of a National Conference, this year , the aim of which will be to bring together the collective experience of Marxist Leninists, and to develop a programme of practical and theoretical work towards the founding conference of the revolutionary party.

Since then there have been various discussions with organisations and individuals across the country, and now the planning of this con-fference is well under way.

1..... It is proposed that the conference should take place in Birmingham on Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd of July 1977.

2..... Marxist Leninist groups or individuals from all over Britain will be invited. It is hoped that where groups are involved, all members of the group will be able to attend.

3..... The proposed agenda is :-

Saturday 2nd

10a.m. conference opened

Introductions

The Crisis -National and International
-economic, political , ideological.

1 p.m. Meal Break

2 p.m. Towards a Class Analysis

5p.m. Break

5.45 p.m. On Ideology -Marxism-Leninism, Revisionism, Soc. l.
Democracy, The threat of Fascism
The Trade Union Movement

7.30 p.m. End of Session

Sunday, 3rd July

10 a.m.....On Practice, The Mass Line

1p.m. Meal Break

2p.m.....The Way Forward

The Party

A Congress

Organisation

4p.m.....The Internationale

4.....Discussions will be based on papers prepared and distributed in advance of the conference and will consist of the full texts of all contributions from groups or individuals attending the conference. Therefore you are asked to submit all such papers, well in advance of the conference, and either ready duplicated or on Gestetner stencils.

5..... The buildup timetable is as follows:-

- a)deadline for preliminary lists of comrades attending, and numbers needing accomodation.....3rd May
- b)Deadline for receipt of written contributions 17th May
- c)deadline for final attendance lists/accomodation etc. and for fees 17th June
- d) conference papers to be distributed 31st May

6.....It is essential that we know the numbers attending as soon as possible, 1

7.....Because of security it is obvious that where avoidable we do not expect names of delegates to be sent, and so each comrade attending will be issued with a numbered conference ticket, which will act as a means of identification. In the case of organisations they will get the requested number of tickets and documents to apportion themselves. Nobody will be allowed entry without a ticket.

8..... Accomodation will be provided where requested, and the conference fee (provisionally £2 per head) will include a mid-day meal.

These then are the proposals. We welcome any ideas you may have to improve the agenda but ask that these be submitted by 30th March, so that adequate time be given for the preparation and submission of documents. Local discussions can be arranged for groups and individuals about any agenda amendments for before the 30th March.

We would also appreciate an estimate of numbers attending by that date.

Yours Fraternally

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