

section; Lawrence and Weishart. ^{LM/005/0005/20}

The Cornfort and Burns books are in great demand. nd

Literature on women

Important for us to send ~~carefully~~ ~~selected~~ literature on Women.

Marxist comic book

Reproduction of Cuban work. Published by some left wing group. We should try to make arrangements to obtain about 50 (free if possible or atleast at a discount)

Literacy classes

At the last count there were atleast 100 cadres having literacy classes. They urgently require teaching material etc. The sub-cmt. could get the teachers committee to help, ~~moreover~~ ~~either~~ ~~the~~ ~~text~~ ~~section~~ could approach individuals eq Angela, Anne etc. to help.

Radio department

At the present moment this is the only constant medium of talking to our people. In many ways it helps substitute for the written word. From all accounts it appears that it is being received at home. In these circumstances it is essential that our whole movement gives this section more serious consideration. Presently almost everybody working on it is relatively inexperienced (but learning fast).

We must find ways of giving assistance. We are in an area where there is unlimited material, where there is scope for constant interviews etc. Initiate discussion with Pallo and determine what he has set up ~~abroad~~ ^{here} to help.

These are only ^{some} of the areas that need attention.

PROPAGANDA

An Examination of the continuing validity or otherwise of the Party
Programme- The Road to South African Freedom.

An examination of the Party Programme "The Road to South African Freedom" shows that it has stood the test of the time that has elapsed since it was framed. This is indeed a testimony to the soundness of the Marxist - Leninist understanding of those who drafted it.

Much has taken place in the four or five years since it was first published but there has been nothing in that time to invalidate its basic contents and which would make it necessary for the Party to reformulate it or alter it in any fundamental manner.

For ~~historical~~ historical reasons some textual amendments are necessary to bring it up to date i.e. Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland now have "independence", new names, new governments, a modified status and relationship with South Africa and the rest of the world, making changes in degree but not quality, the impact of which on the overall situation have still to manifest themselves. But there has been nothing in respect of them ~~which~~ of a qualitative character which necessitates an alteration to the programme itself.

Communism-The Vital Force of Our Times is still as true today as it was then. The international factors making possible the national liberatory struggles of the colonial peoples, and therefore that of the South African people, remain substantially unaltered. There has been change but such as it has been it has been of degree and not quality. The most important of course has been the split in the socialist camp arising from the policies and activity of the Chinese Communist Party. The effect of this is not only something which increases the difficulties of the national liberatory ~~struggles~~ movements struggling for liberation but also to lessen the effectiveness of the actions of all the progressive organisations and the struggle for World Peace etc.

The steady and effective extension of the dictatorship of the proletariat into the international scene arising from the growing impact of the socialist system on the co-existing capitalist world in permanent ever sharpening crisis has been slowed down and the imperialists have been encouraged to dig their heels in as a consequence of the lack of unity between the socialist countries. It is a sad thing for us but not disastrous. It does not make our task impossible but only more difficult.

The African Revolution proceeds despite set backs. Our programme stands in the face of the ebb and flow of the great battle for Africa all of which affects in degree at times our own struggle.

South Africa still experiences a special type of colonialism, still suffers under apartheid, and its people still have the same if not a greater impelling need to change things. *The need & the will!*

The Forces of Change remain in substance the same but they have suffered serious, but not necessarily disastrous, reverses. The resulting set back will ~~take~~ require superhuman efforts on our part to make good. Organisations have been smashed, casualties

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have been heavy and even some of those who have escaped capture and imprisonment and been compelled to go into exile have emerged from this last battle suffering from various degrees of combat fatigue etc. Never-the-less there are ~~forces to regroup~~ elements to regroup, there are forces to reorganise.

The perspectives of a nationaldemocratic revolution and an insurrectionary struggle and the tasks arising ,placed before the people of South Africa by the programme are still valid. The masses in South Africa need the national democratic revolution and can achieve it only by way of insurrection.. It might be suggested that as a consequence of our reverses the mood of the masses may not be such that they are immediately receptive ~~to~~ or responsive to this aspect of the programme but even if this is so it does not invalidate the perspectives ~~by~~ of the programme. It but makes our task that much harder.

Finally: The immediate proposals ;