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Draft Document Released for Discussion at Anniversary Rally

FROM the time of the successful hosting of the International Seminar in Coventry on January 2 and 3 of this year, the Central Committee of RCPB(ML) has been preparing for the celebrations marking the fifteenth anniversary of the Party's founding.

The key aspect of the preparations was the drafting of the document **There *Is* a Way Out of the Crisis**. Besides this, work was carried out to popularise the Public Rally which was held on March 19 by approaching other activists and other Communist Parties and organisations and the broad masses of the people. In London and in its outlying districts, as well as in cities through the country, posters invited everyone to "Come and Hear RCPB(ML) on the Present Situation; For a Socialist Future!". Thousands of leaflets were given out at factory gates, in the educational institutions and in the communities. The results of this two-fold painstaking work of approaching others and doing propaganda were reflected in the success of the Rally on March 19, at which the draft document was extremely well received and a significant number of people from the broad masses attended, even though another programme in London that day was the focus of attention, the national demonstration Unite Against Racism.

As the participants entered Conway Hall on March 19 in the afternoon, there was a definite sense of the significance of the day marking the anniversary of the founding of RCPB(ML). The momentum which had been building up in the course of the preparations was felt by all. The large hall was decorated with a large and vivid red banner emblazoned with gold letters, "There *Is* a Way Out of the Crisis!". The chairperson welcomed the participants and introduced Chris Coleman to present the draft document for discussion, on behalf of the Central Committee.

At the conclusion of the presentation, which lasted for an hour and a half, it had become clear that the Central Committee had done its duty to RCPB(ML) by approving the draft document for discussion. The audience rose to its feet and greeted the release of the draft document for discussion with sustained applause. It meant that our Party had taken the bold step to establish its general line for the period. Even though everyone was happy to know that messages of greetings had been received from the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist Ghadar Party of India, the Communist Party of Trinidad and Tobago, the Communist Party of Germany (KPD), the Revolutionary Communist Party of Turkey (TDKP), the United States Marxist-Leninist Organisation and from Ajmer Bains, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association (GB), and they listened attentively to the representative of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), the editor of *Eh Din/ These Days*, and a long-standing friend of the Party as they delivered brief messages, the focus of attention remained the draft document.

The last item of the programme was a resolution presented to the Rally which read:

"Recognising that the Central Committee of RCPB(ML) has presented a

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National Consultative Conference

to be held in London on
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draft document for discussion by the Party and all those concerned about the advance of the communist movement;

"Recognising further that the Central Committee has decided to hold a National Consultative Conference in London on June 25-26, 1994;

"This Rally supports these decisions and calls upon all attending to ensure the success of the discussion of the draft document and of the coming National Consultative Conference."

This resolution generated broad interest and received the approval of the Rally, with but one participant voting against it. One person expressed the opinion that the document should have been distributed during the meeting, while the question was also asked why the document had not been made available before it was presented to the Rally. However, the draft document was only discussed in the Central Committee, in whose name it was being released and which prepared it for public release on this auspicious occasion, as was done very successfully at the Rally. The reason why a vote was cast against the resolution was not very clear, however, since the main thrust of the resolution was to release the draft for discussion and organise a National Consultative Conference, where all members and the broad masses would have the right to express their opinions on the draft document. This will also provide an opportunity for the Central Committee to elaborate further on the draft and mobilise all those in whose interest it is to strengthen the communist movement and to find a way out of the crisis. The negative vote against the resolution did not receive support. At the conclusion of the Rally, invitations from the Central Committee to attend the National Consultative Conference were presented to everyone.

Following the Rally, there was a burst of enthusiasm, and members of RCPB(ML) and others, especially those who are active in their own right, began to exchange opinions between themselves exclaiming how happy they were with the draft document. Members of the Party showed immense pride in their work, especially in the success of the Rally. They were particularly happy that the Party is rising to the occasion in order to carry forward the preparatory work necessary during this period of retreat of revolution. Discussions were breaking out everywhere as people expressed agreement and satisfaction with the Rally, and wanted to receive the draft document at once so that they could study it closely. Some even looked forward to building a mass Communist Party, even though much work has yet to be done before such a programme can be taken up as the order of the day.

After much discussion in an enthusiastic atmosphere, the participants moved to a nearby pub where a reception and concert took place. The concert featured a number of revolutionary songs and classical pieces as well as new compositions dealing with both contemporary and historical themes. Here too much discussion took place on the importance of the document presented by the Central Committee.

Everyone left the celebrations with a clear grasp of the next step taken up by the Party for this period, in which both discussion and elaboration of the general line for the period and mobilisation of all the forces are the order of the day. It was quite evident from the celebrations that RCPB(ML) will go to its National Consultative Conference fully prepared so as to ensure that the next step is taken boldly.

Workers' Weekly congratulates the Central Committee for this fine work and calls upon all its readers to participate in the National Consultative Conference and make it a great success. Anyone interested in further information about the Party or about the National Consultative Conference can write to RCPB(ML) at 170 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2LA, or phone 071-627 0599.

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Delegation of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) visits North Korea

A delegation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) (CPC(ML)), led by its national leader Hardial Bains, visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) from February 12 to 22, at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

During the visit, besides engaging in extensive discussions on subjects of mutual interest and visiting various places of interest, the delegation was received by Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who exchanged opinions on topics of mutual interest and gave a luncheon in honour of the CPC(ML) delegation.

The two parties issued a joint statement expressing satisfaction at the visit and their determination to further strengthen the relations between the two parties. The delegation of CPC(ML) invited the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to send a delegation to visit Canada in the near future at a time most suitable to the two parties. The Workers' Party of Korea gladly accepted the invitation and thanked CPC(ML) for the visit and its support for the reunification of Korea "on the basis of the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity and in the form of a confederation based on one nation, one state, two systems and two governments."

The joint statement issued by the two parties, amongst other things, points out:

"The WPK highly appreciated the positive efforts of CPC(ML) to maintain its revolutionary principles in defiance of repeated attempts by the imperialists and their agents to liquidate it, and to consolidate basic Party organisations with a view to strengthening the Party on the basis of modern definitions.

"The WPK expressed full support for, and solidarity with, CPC(ML)'s activities to develop its independent course in defence of the interests of the working people.

"The WPK expressed support for CPC(ML)'s demand that the sovereignty of all countries and nations be respected, for the dismantling of NATO and all other aggressive and rapacious military and economic blocs and for the complete abolition of all weapons of mass destruction." [...]

"CPC(ML) expressed deep concern over the adventurous attempt of the US administration to put so-called pressure on the DPRK, in disregard of the promise it made at the DPRK-US talks, and maintained that if the United States sincerely wants the just settlement of the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula, it must withdraw all its nuclear weapons from South Korea, abandon its plan to deploy 'Patriot' missiles there and stop nuclear war exercises at once."

The statement also pointed out:

"Both sides expressed their common will to unite and cooperate closely with communist parties, workers' parties and other progressive parties in the world and further strengthen the international solidarity among them, on the basis of each party managing its own affairs, considering independence as a vital principle of unity and marching forward for the victory of the cause of the working people of all countries.

"Both sides shall make every effort to abolish the old international politics and economic order of domination and subordination and establish a new one based on equality, justice and fairness.

"In conclusion, the two parties firmly resolved to continue to closely support and cooperate with one another on the road of independence, against imperialism and for the victory of socialism."

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NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE

London

June 25 and 26, 1994

Opening Session: June 25, 9:00 a.m.

Closing Session: June 26, 5:00 p.m.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) is organising a **National Consultative Conference** on June 25-26, 1994, in order to discuss the draft document released for discussion at the rally on March 19, 1994, celebrating the 15th anniversary of its founding.

The aim of this conference is to involve all the forces which are concerned about the present state of affairs in Britain and the world in elaborating the draft document **There Is a Way Out of the Crisis** and to begin planned work to build a practical programme on this basis.

All activists in various struggles, other Communist Parties, their leadership and rank-and-file and broad masses of the people are warmly invited to attend the conference where discussion will take place on a topic-by-topic basis in which individuals will contribute their comments by turn. A number of papers prepared by the Central Committee of RCPB(ML) will be presented in order to facilitate the discussion.

Anyone who would like to intervene on the basis of a prepared paper must contact RCPB(ML) at least two weeks before the National Consultative Conference takes place.

Hardial Bains, national leader of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), has been invited to open this conference and participate in the discussion. Various other Communist Parties and organisations from across the five continents have also been invited to attend, along with progressive and democratic personalities.

The National Consultative Conference is the most important forum which has been organised by RCPB(ML) in order to promote discussion on the questions of vital interest for the working class and people of Britain and internationally. Everyone is welcome. A registration fee of £25 is required to meet the conference expenses. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided during the proceedings.

The conference proceedings will also be made available in print and video form.

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