



# the tiny red book

# 1 our world



Our world is crippled by oppression, poverty, and war.

Even rich Britain does not offer good housing, healthcare, education and economic security to most of its people.

This is not because it can't. It is because it doesn't even try.

Our society is organised to make profit, not to meet human needs.

Power lies in the hands of a small minority: a ruling class.

They own the corporations, and fund and support the corrupt governments who defend them in return.

# 2 democracy

The majority, the working class, have won important reforms through struggle.

Today we have the right to vote, to form unions, to free healthcare and education, and many other rights.

The ruling class did not give us these rights willingly: we have them because in the past, people like us struggled to win them.

We must defend these reforms, and support all demands for increased freedom and better lives.

However, we are still not a democracy: we are not governed by the whole people.

To see who really holds power in society, simply examine whose interests it really serves.

To simplistic an explanation? Too obvious? It is obvious because it is true. Modern politics is one long exercise to make the obvious seem false.

We will not solve the problems of humanity until humanity controls its own destiny.

Forget what you have been told about socialism: socialism is simply the struggle for real democracy.



# 3 revolution



To win a democracy, we must take power from the ruling class. We need a revolution.

The oppressed have always rebelled. The slaves rebelled. The peasants rebelled.

They were too weak and too dispersed to win power.

The modern working class is strong, and lives together in towns and cities, and labours side by side in workplaces.

For the first time in history, the oppressed have the chance to take power.

All we need is to spread the knowledge of that power, and organise ourselves to use it.

In short, all we need is political leadership: a workers' party.

In Britain, the Labour Party has traditionally commanded the loyalty of most working people.

But the Labour Party has always sought to divert the power of workers, and defend capitalism.

New Labour has now abandoned even the pretence of socialism.

The old Communist Party defended the brutally undemocratic rule of Stalin and his successors in the USSR.

Most workers rightly spurned them, and they are now a spent force.

The rest of the left groups are in chaos, each defending its 'version' of socialism and denouncing the others.



They demand ideological purity. They suppress disagreement in their own ranks. They refuse to unite until they agree.

Above all, they reduce socialism to an arcane secret possessed by the few, not the plainly just demand for real democracy.

They speak a language no-one else understands, in a voice no-one else can hear.

# 5 our aim

If you believe in revolutionary change to win a real, classless, democracy, and are prepared to act, you are a socialist.

There are real socialists in every left group: we acknowledge comradeship with them.

There are many more in no party, made cynical by our foolishness: we appeal to them to join us.

There are millions to be won to a cause so just that only the nonsense of the left could obscure it: we must reach them.

The Red Party is tiny. It is not the party we must build: merely a handful of people who want to help build it.

Our greatest ambition is to disband ourselves once a truly mass, human, democratic, socialist party exists.

Until then, we will support every campaign to create it, and recruit as many as we can to join us and help.







The working class needs its own party.

Our party must not silence anyone in the name of 'discipline': we need every dissenting voice to find the right way.

Our party must not demand ideological conformity: we represent our class, not some ten-a-penny opinion.

Our party must not conspire against itself: once the majority have decided to act, we must all act together.

Our party must not have gurus: neither the leaders of the past nor the self-proclaimed 'theorists' of the present.

Our party must not abuse its members: each has a right to their time, their privacy, and their life.

Our party must not lie: about its strength, its achievements, its past, or its mistakes.

Our party must not preen: it must talk in plain language, and listen as much as it talks.

**Our party must not fail: our chance to be truly human depends upon it.**

# 6 the workers' party

# Thank you

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