

Yeovil Branch resolution on Reorientate the League

Yeovil welcomed the document Rally around RTL from the majority on the CC which helps us to understand more fully the struggle going on in the League. Although the branch has been silent on the question of RTL it has not been inactive and has been studying to understand the theoretical background behind the AT and the national question. The branch is hampered by its lack of involvement in the struggle of the national minorities and , until recently, Irish solidarity work as well. However cdes do have their base firmly in the working class and are therefor well placed to assess the depth and spread of racism in the w.c. in this area , and the areas in which working class struggle is active.

We feel that the discussion around the RTL has strengthened our understanding of struggle in this country at present , and in practice as well as theory we have turned the branches work away from the factory based trade union struggles alone. Whilst we agree that the relation between class struggle and national struggle is of great importance, we are concerned that the two positions on this question are becoming entrenched and unable to learn from one another. Specific examples of this attitude , which is the opposite of seeking unity around a question, are the whole tone of I.B. 24 , and phrases in Rally around RTL such as " really taking on and demolishing a line " and " the line of the CC minority with its dogmatic and undialectical approach ".

Our aim for the coming conference should be to collectively put our knowledge and experience together and assess the various struggles ongoing against British imperialism as near to reality as possible. We are a small organisation and must strive for principled unity in order to take our work and study forward, reserving differences in a comradely way. In a similar spirit we must shun sectarianism towards other organisations.

In this context we send in the following amendments to the AT.

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