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IF YOUNG people, young workers and students, did *not* rebel in a society like ours, that would be a matter of grave concern. If the idealism of youth failed to find British society wanting and ceased to think it could be changed for the better, the situation would indeed be hopeless.

Ours is a class society, based on the capitalist exploitation of workers here and the imperialist exploitation of workers and peasants abroad. Goods are not produced to meet the needs of the people but to make profits for the bosses. If it is profitable to use up natural resources making rubbishy articles which must be quickly replaced, that will be done. If it is profitable to pollute the atmosphere, the streams and the sea in the process, that will happen too. If it is profitable to destroy food crops in a starving world to keep prices up, they will certainly be destroyed.

It is no use appealing to the government to do something about it because governments, whether Labour or Tory, serve the interests of the boss class and the profit system. It is not governments that need changing but the system itself.

The training and the education of young people is not for the purpose of enabling them to make their fullest contribution to society, but to brain-wash them and mutilate them spiritually to fit into a system that produces — profits. Whole forests are felled for the paper on which propaganda for the capitalist profit system and lies about socialism can be disseminated.

Youth *must* rebel. It is your world the bosses are plundering and destroying before you can inherit it. It is your fellow students and young working mates they are bombing, murdering and starving in Vietnam, India, Malaya, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America, just to go on reaping the easy profits to be got from exploiting the raw materials and cheap labour of the colonial world.

Already young people are on the march in protest at the waste and brutalisation of the profit system. Already students are beginning to realise that it is not just the

educational system that is wrong but the profit-grubbing society it reflects, and that society can only be changed by the working class. Already young workers are protesting in various ways at the dead-end jobs or no jobs at all which are what this system offers them.

It is right to rebel; but the boss class is clever and has plenty of agents who will try to assume the leadership of your rebellions in order to misdirect them. These agents will exploit your militancy to rush you up blind alleys and leave you disillusioned and frustrated. They will take you along adventurist short-cuts which in the end will get you nowhere. There *are* no short-cuts. There is only the building of a revolutionary movement among the working class which alone has the force and will to topple the bosses, smash their state machine and establish a proletarian dictatorship capable of preventing the profit-seekers from ever sneaking back into power.

Our Party, the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), is a revolutionary party and any genuinely revolutionary party depends on its appeal to youth, to young workers and students. We need you to continue to the end the protracted fight against capitalism in the vanguard of the working class.

What have we to offer you? The only revolutionary theory proved in practice by actually making revolutions — in Russia, in China, in Albania. The only revolutionary theory which can explain what went wrong in Russia and which has successfully prevented any such retreat from socialism in China and Albania.

What we have to offer is Marxism-Leninism the thought of Mao Tsetung, that is to say scientific socialism, which must be applied to the concrete conditions in Britain so that here, too, the profit system can be smashed and socialism established. We ask you to join with us now in the great social adventure of that application. Our Party will never desert the struggle this side of complete victory over the class enemy.