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- * Which Way Forward For Communists? - Critique of the British Road to Socialism
- * Trade Unions and the State: The Struggle Against the Social Contract
- * The New Communist Party
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One of the central propositions of our analysis of the crisis of capitalism is that a programme to defend the working class can only deepen the crisis and bring the working class into ever deeper conflict with the power of the capitalists through their state. The article 'Trade Unions and the State: the Struggle Against the Social Contract' argues that no revolutionary opposition to the Social Contract is possible until a vanguard of the class can be built which understands this point and opposes all radical social-democratic 'solutions' to the crisis. This article shows how the belief that a left labour government can carry out measures to defend the working class through the introduction of 'socialist' or 'left' policies has fundamentally strengthened the hold of reformism on the labour movement and prevented any consistent opposition to the Social Contract.

The main article in this issue offers a Leninist critique of the *Draft British Road to Socialism*. The RCG has consistently intervened in the debate taking place throughout the country on the Draft BRS and this article links together in a unified critique many of the political criticisms we made. In a struggle against the opportunism of the CPGB the article re-establishes the Marxist-Leninist standpoint on imperialism, the state and revolution, democracy and the working class. Unlike those of the radical left, our critique is based not only on our general understanding of the politics of the CPGB but also the experience we gathered through discussion with many working class militants involved in the debate. Many of these comrades have now left the CPGB to form the New Communist Party, thus carrying through the logic of their standpoint. *Revolutionary Communist 7* includes a major review of the first publication of the New Communist Party.

Amongst the other articles is an analysis of the CPGB's attitude to the struggle of the Irish people for self-determination. This article shows that at critical periods the CPGB has failed its duty to consistently support and defend the Irish working class. This article, like all the others in this issue is a major contribution to the struggle against opportunism in the British labour movement.

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