

CONSTITUTION, PRINCIPLES and PERSPECTIVES (edited)

RA supports the right of the people of Scotland and Wales to self determination. To endorse the general position outlined in the Scotland Out of Britain article. This is a tactic to break up the status quo: the existing UK state.  
(1992)

Soviet Union

RA formally acknowledges that Stalin led the counter revolution in Russia which did not overthrow the Communist Party but was organised within the Communist Party which instead overthrew the workers state.

Before Stalin could use a bastardised marxism as its formal political basis, that marxism had to be ground up, re-hashed, reprocessed and warped into something entirely different. The Bolshevik leadership did not cause stalinism, which was due to social and economic factors, but the theories they advanced to justify the tactics they deemed necessary to retain power laid the theoretical groundwork, which by separating in theory and practice the concept of the workers state from below, later facilitated the development of the counter revolution led by Stalin. (1991)

Labour Party

This meeting accepts that the only in exceptional circumstances should Labour be supported in theory or practice. That as an alternative to the far-right we will champion working class candidates independent from all bourgeois parties...as a positive solution to the problems posed by the far-right agenda, this strategy is a compliment rather than an alternative to resolute and vigorous anti-fascist activity.  
(Jan 1994)

Leninism

Red Action recognises that the representative groups on the Left are neither 'worker' nor 'revolutionary'. The time has come for a clean break from ideology and philosophy.(1988)

In regard to contemporary politics Leninist ideology and the cult of Lenin is the authority quoted to justify all sectarianism. The concept of one party rule in a one party state is the end that justifies THEIR means. As such Leninism is the major ideological impediment to the renaissance of the revolutionary left. As long as the left is dominated by conservative sects, the left will be dominated by conservative thinking. For the influence of RED ACTION to grow the dominance of the bolshevik left will have to be broken.

....[as RED ACTION] we proclaim that the singular objective of revolutionary marxism is the establishment of unconditional democracy. That is the self rule of the producers without qualification... this means there is no privileged position

demarcated for the revolutionary party or indeed for the revolutionary class within the proletarian dictatorship.(1992)

#### Social Composition

To first rebuild and then retain the working class character of the revolutionary movement and because we are dealing in a rational manner with a specific situation this must be given institutional form. Special provisions of scrutiny are necessary to regulate the influx of elements of other classes origin. For that reason the National Council would preclude from recognising entitlement to delegate representation on national or regional councils any branch composed exclusively of students. For the same reason no branch would be accepted that did not consist of wage labourers manual or clerical. While the figure of two thirds can be regarded as arbitrary its only purpose is to guarantee an in built working class majority within the organisation as a whole without falling into the opposite trap of exclusionism. As a political principle it also provides a practical guideline to the various regions that properly focuses the working class orientation of their activity.(1991)

#### Branches; Structure; Internal Democracy.

For a branch to be recognised it is necessary to have a minimum of 3 members. This entitles said branch to send a single delegate to the regional council.

(b) For a region to exist it is necessary to have a minimum of three branches. This entitles the region to send delegates from the region to the National Council: the size of the delegation to be assessed on the number and size of the branches in that region.

(c) While the entire membership decide on strategy and policy (in pedantic detail if necessary) in the interests of flexibility it must be left to the elected leadership; recallable delegates in all cases, to decide within these parameters day to day tactics.

To encourage coordination and efficiency at branch level, branches should be organised with a single individual elected as branch secretary; responsible for initiating branch meetings and all subsequent activity: paper sales, branch reports, mobilisation for events, sub collection etc. Activities may be delegated but the branch secretary is ultimately responsible to both membership of the branch and the National Council for the general performance of the branch.

The National Council has the power to:

- (a) suspend the membership of any Red Action member.
- (b) Endorse any Red Action support for any political initiative unless this is contrary to established policy.

into a head long flight. We must organise successful rearguard action in all areas...where we have obligations influence or responsibility. By doing the hard, sometimes dangerous apparently unrewarding work now, when things turn around as they will; as they must; the lessons we have learned in retreat will prove invaluable when we [working class] have the opportunity to advance, and far from being the rearguard we [Red Action] will find ourselves in the position of helping to form the vanguard..."

( perspective adopted at national meeting 1989)