## Communist Federation of Britain (ML)

## **Second Special General Meeting**

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THE SECOND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) was successfully concluded at the end of February. This success resulted from the serious and deep preparation which had preceded it and by the high level of unity both in the recognition of the problems which faced the working-class movement and by the understanding of the necessity of creating a real Communist party guided by a correct line.

The meeting centred on the report of the Federation Committee on the World and British situations and of the work of the CFB in all its aspects, since the first S.G.M. in April 1971. This was subjected to detailed discussion in the member groups from September 1973 and the first session of the S.G.M. was held in December. This meeting discussed the whole report and exchanged views and experiences.

Following that session, detailed amendments and new sections were drafted and discussed by the groups and the Committee.

The second session of the S.G.M. was therefore able to accomplish the following tasks. It adopted an assessment of the World and British situation unanimously committed to the building of a Marxist-Leninist Party, and aware of the importance of such a step for the working class. The meeting vigorously and at length considered various views on the pre-requisites for advance. It considered the work of the Committee and the groups and made plans to rectify mistakes

and weaknesses, and to effect improvements. It examined the development of 'Struggle' and 'Marxist-Leninist Quarterly' and decided how these publications would better fulfil their functions. A new Constitution was agreed which included provision for an extended National Committee to plan the development of C.F.B. policy and work. In addition certain officers were elected to form part of a smaller Executive Committee.

It was agreed that the main work of the C.F.B. in the coming period was to concentrate on the production and practice of working-lines to guide the mass-work of the groups and to deepen our analysis of the international and especially the British situation. These tasks are to be seen as the first step towards the production of a programme.

It was agreed that another S.G.M. would be convened within the next year to resolve certain important issues emerging from the meeting, and requiring futher study and exchange of opinion.

In the coming months certain sections of this Report will be published and when this happens it will be advertised in the C.F.B. publications.