



Workers Looking to the Future

As Marx pointed out, matter is primary and consciousness secondary. Now, in 2019, we are able to examine some major facts before considering how they are useful to our working class, for present and forthcoming policies and actions.

We can probably agree that human beings are animals, whatever their levels of development might be so far. All animals need space, in order to function well in whatever circumstances they try to live.

So many arguments get tangled up with notions of 'racism' that it can be helpful to imagine that all human beings only have one skin colour, green! In that way, we can try to think in terms of numbers of people in numbers of places, strictly only on a numerical basis and a spatial basis.

Brain specialist A.R.Luria, in one of his books, referred to Lenin as having said that : .."every word is a generalisation" That is worth keeping in mind, when considering any statement, political or historical.

Many organisations of 'the left' perpetually talk of the whole of the world's working class as if it does not have, or should not have, any sort of separate collective identities, which virtually depatriates any set of people on any one geographical area. That is not to say that they shouldn't cooperate or unite with workers beyond present 'borders', those demarcations so clung to by ultra nationalists wrapped in imperialist flags, but it seems to suggest that there are no useful and important differences between workers in, for instance Iceland and central Africa, where very different skills are needed for survival etc.

Then many organisations of the left, Trotskyists, the 'communist left', and so on, urge workers in, for instance, the UK, to make all workers arriving in large numbers, uninvited, from elsewhere, immediately welcome, and to be

considered fully equal in terms of consideration of housing, jobs, etc with those workers already here, irrespective of existing circumstances when they arrive. It would be interesting to know how many of those Trots etc actually have any space in their own homes to accommodate such immigrants. Workers in the UK will probably remember the so-called 'bedroom tax'!

It has been said, although I do not have the source of the statement, that the geographical area of Africa is greater than that of the USA. And of course there are vast amounts of vegetable and mineral resources in Africa. So why are so many thousands, maybe millions, of people trying to get away from Africa? Why are so many desperately poor, living in terrible conditions? What has happened since major political changes in what was once Rhodesia, or since the days of Nelson Mandela in South Africa? Why haven't people there (many not yet actually able to function as 'workers') been able to topple the parasitic tops, and other politicians there, and set up practical means to feed themselves and provide conditions there, suitable for an improved standard of life, for themselves and their children?

Is it not necessary, and far better, for the working class of the world to help to get major political changes in Africa, and in other similarly underdeveloped situations, so far as poor people are concerned in other countries, all of them trapped under imperialism? Trying to flee from such dire circumstances at present is perfectly understandable, but completely remote from a set of necessary and fully practical solutions to their massive problems.

I have read the MANIFESTO for socialism of the Socialist Labour Party, and the booklet Lexit. Supporting a Socialist Future, and many other items on the SLP website, which are much clearer, it seems to me, than the CP's British Road To Socialism (latest version), which was full of internal cross references in congested form. Then so many other organisations also seem unaware of, or avoid, the concepts now offered in this article.

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