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WORKERS NEED REVOLUTION REVOLUTION NEEDS ITS PARTY

The Party's tenth birthday

"APRIL has always been the month of rebirth, of life renewing itself after the dead time of winter. Our ancestors marked the Easter festival and May Day with celebration of the abundance and fertility of nature and man's power to endure.

"Christianity borrowed Easter with its theme of death and rebirth. But Christianity is a passing phase and Easter will be celebrated long after that particular religious episode has been forgotten.

"At Easter 1968 the British Working Class gave birth to its political party the Communist Party of Britain Marxist Leninist. The date will go down in history as indicating a stage in the ideological development of a people.

"This was a birth, because never before had there been a Party absolutely identified with the class interests of the working class.

"It was also a rebirth, because the revolutionary character of the British working class has never been in doubt. The question was not whether but when.

"April in capitalism is a bitter season, 'the cruellest month' because it should be the kindest. Our winter of

wage slavery has lasted very long. The modern wasteland created by Capitalism is not dependent on the seasons; April can wash away the detritus of winter but not the scars left by Capital. The blight lies heavy on us, morally and intellectually as well as materially. Waste of land. Waste of resources. Waste of intellect. 'They make a desert and they call it peace,' said the Roman.

"In the last decade there has been a worldwide rebirth. We in Britain are a part of this process, as are the new Marxist-Leninist parties in many countries. The CPBML has grown very rapidly both numerically and ideologically. In relation to the tasks which lie before us, however, it is both small and backward. Yet this Party is the most precious possession of the British working class for it embodies the class aspiration to end for all time the exploitation of man by man, to enter upon the new day of Socialism."

We wrote these words on the occasion of our Fifth Birthday. On our Tenth Birthday we re-dedicate ourselves as fighters in the ranks of the world revolution as British Marxist-Leninists.