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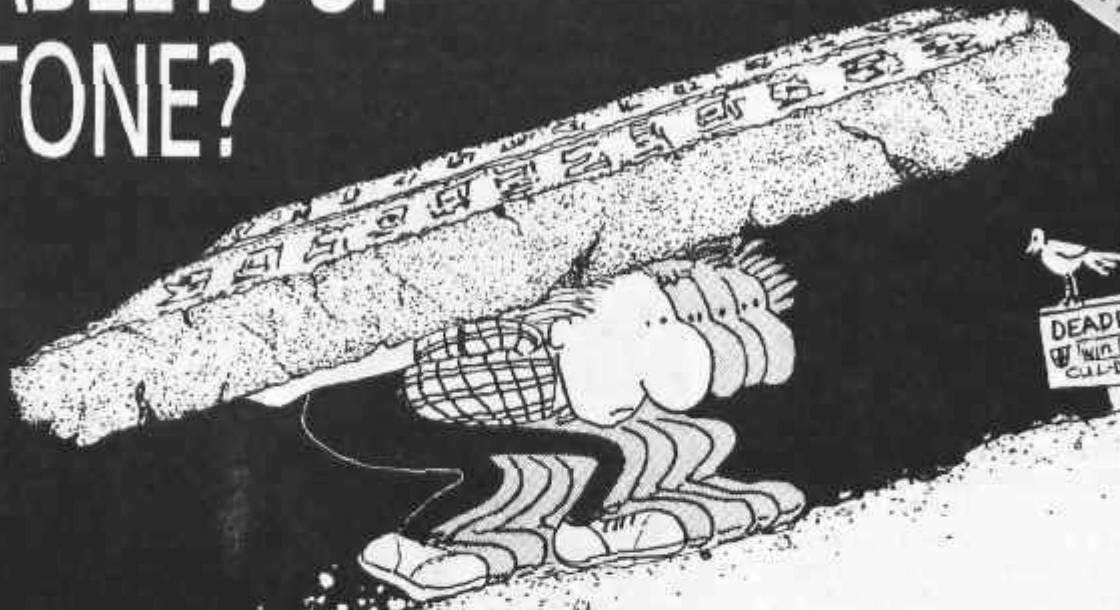


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The Communist Party, along with others, wants to see socialism restored as the 'common sense' of our age. Communists believe that the working class and its organisations are at the centre of revolutionary change – but go-it-alone attitudes will be disastrous. We need to build an alliance of *all* the progressive forces in Britain. Mass, popular movements hold the key to socialist change. That's why Communists are involved in the peace movement, and have been active in miners' support groups all over the country. The Communist Party is a *campaigning* party.

Building an alliance that can defeat the right will be a long and difficult process. There are no simple answers. But then there were never any Unchanging Truths, either.

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