INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 52  APRIL 1983

Conference material:
STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT
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CONFERENCE begins with Registration at 6pm on Friday evening, April 15. It
continues from 9.30am on Saturday April 16 and 9.15am on Sunday April 17.

PLACE: It is in Birmingham. Comrades should phone 021-554 1501 for details.

ALL QUERIES on agenda etc. should be directed to the Standing Orders Committee,
at the same phone number.

INTERNAL BULLETINS: The SOC asked for all the voting documents to be retyped
and collected separately in booklets, but given the volume of material it is not
possible to do this with all of them. We will retype as much as possible and
comrades will receive it on arrival at the conference.

You will also receive some late discussion material on arrival at the
conference.

But please bring all your Internal Bulletins with you, and especially the
following which include voting documents:
IB22+ ... Parts 2 and 3 of Collins/Fraser/Parkinson document on women
IB25 pt.1 ... Cunliffe, British Perspectives
IB25 pt.2 ... Kinnell, amendments to British Perspectives
IB31 ... December 1981 NC resolution on Ireland

Broad groups discussion bulletin ... Greenham Common document
IB27 ... Gay commission, resolution
IB29 ... Hunt, 'Back to youth work'
IB30 ... Part 1 of Collins/Fraser/Parkinson document on women
IB33 ... Chris E/Sue E/Mike J, 'Against unprincipled revisionism, against
national Trotskyism'
IB34 ... Todd et al., 'Methods of fighting women's oppression'
IB37 ... Hill, LP Report
IB38 ... Casey/MoVicar/Meehan, Resolution on LP
IB39 ... Cooper et al., resolution on youth work
... Cunliffe, document on the LP
IB31 ... Morrow, 'On the LP'
IB40 ... Brown, Work amongst young women
IB43 ... Maidstone, Unemployment Perspectives
IB44 ... Faction, Youth Perspectives
IB45 ... Carolan/Hill/Kinnell, Resolution on the LP
IB4X ... Faction, resolution on Ireland
IB48 ... Cunliffe/Jones/Smith, 'On our orientation in the labour movement'
IB53 ... James, Black Work
... Spilling, Amendment to Cunliffe/Jones/Smith, IB48.
... Rowena J., Amendment on CND

PLEASE BRING with you any spare copies of Internal Bulletins. We have no spare copies at all at the centre of certain numbers.
The Standing Orders Committee met April 6 to reconsider the agenda in the light of National Committee rejection of our first agenda.

We have drawn up a new agenda which gives adequate time to those issues which will succeed in getting debated.

The new agenda leaves out altogether some vital areas of our work and some discussions which are long overdue. Together these make more than sufficient material for a further two day conference and we believe that such a conference should be urgently considered. It is clearly unacceptable that the movement continues without conference decisions on the following: unemployed work; CND; gay rights; work among black people; Ireland (bombings and armed struggle); Ireland (Protestant autonomy); Party organisation; building the WSL.

One of these items can be taken if the conference votes to hold a Saturday evening session. SOC suggested such a session but it was opposed by the NC. One has not therefore been tabled. Our proposal was for a three hour break after the end of Saturday (which could be curtailed to end at 5pm) followed by a two hour evening session. We could take one of the above areas of work at such a session and SOC proposes that conference votes on Friday evening whether to hold a Saturday evening session and if so which area of work will be taken there.

In any other event all comrades who wish to challenge the report must recognise that if they propose adding any other item to the agenda they must also propose deleting an item. Do not believe it can be done by cutting back on time allowed for these items already tabled. We have gone carefully into the number of documents to be moved, minority rights, time to be taken for votes, and - in the case of Friday evening's agenda - the likely complexity of some of the argument. We spent five hours discussing this agenda and the timings are realistic and will work. Cutting the time for any item will cut contributions from the floor and almost certainly result in the discussion on youth work being junked, since that is the final item on the agenda and Sunday night will roll round whatever ruling we might make to the contrary.

SOC does not like this agenda any better than other comrades will. Given the range to be discussed and the time available it is the best we have been able to do.

ARMSTRONG, GAINS, SPILLING, WHEELER
SUMMARY AGENDA

FRIDAY
19.00 Standing Orders Committee report
20.00 Method of electing National Committee
22.00 Finish

SATURDAY
09.30 British Perspectives
11.45 Labour Party: introductions
13.25 Break
14.15 Finance
14.30 Labour Party discussion
17.20 Announcements
17.30 Finish

SUNDAY
09.15 National Committee election
10.15 Women
12.45 Break
13.45 Youth
16.30 Finish

ITEMS NOT TO BE TAKEN

Unemployed - work
GND  34
Gay rights    51
Work among blacks
Ireland: bombings  36
Ireland: autonomy for Protestants
Party organisation and Building the WSF--
Saturday 11.45

**LABOUR PARTY**

1. Hill. The following sections of IB 37:
   a) Section 1 to 6 (except last para): pages 1 to 9 (General orientation etc.)
   b) Section 6 (last para): pages 9-10 (Paper)
   c) Section 7, subhead 'LP & T&I/Industrial work', para.4, p.14: "It is now possible, in some cases..."
   d) Section 7, sub-head 'LP and work with the specially oppressed and unemployed', last but one para on p.14: "Nobody has argued that...."
   e) Section 8, from "A significant number of League members...", top of page 17, to end of section 8. (Broad groups)
   f) Section 9, last three paragraphs, from "After the May elections...", page 19. (Council work).
   g) Section 10, last-but-one and last-but-two paras on p.22, from "This document has been written...." (General orientation).


3. Morrow. Document 'On the Labour Party' in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.32. (This is being moved by the Faction as their document for voting on the LP).


6. In addition there will be an introduction on the following document not for voting: Ewing in, 'The Crisis of the British Section'.

7. Spilling. Amendment to Internal bulletin no.48, in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.53.

8. Casey/McVicar/Meehan. Resolution in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.36, from 'General Election' point 8 ("Not later than a month after the General Election...") to end.

Sunday 10.15

**WOMEN**

1. Collins/ Fraser/ Parkinson: document of which part 1 is in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.30, parts 2 and 3 in INTERNAL BULLETIN 21.

2. Todd et al. document, INTERNAL BULLETIN no.34.

3. In addition there will be an introduction on the following document not for voting: Cunliffe, 'Women's Oppression and Socialist Revolution'.

Note: Fraser and Parkinson have given notice of a short resolution they are drafting for a vote in place of their document. They will be requesting the Standing Orders Committee to accept it onto the agenda despite lateness.
**YOUTH**

1. Cooper *et al.*: resolution, **INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 39**

2. Hunt, 'Back to Youth Work', **INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 29**

3. Faction Youth Perspectives, **INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 44**

4. Brown document on Young Women, **INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 40**

5. Parsons amendment to Cooper *et al.* resolution. Section 6a, rewrite to: "appoint three full-time youth organisers for the period up to the next conference". Section 7, add new clause (h): "to make youth work financially independent and self-supporting".

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**ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA**

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**GAY RIGHTS**

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**UNEMPLOYED WORK**

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1. Gay commission resolution in **INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 27**

2. Amendment from Kinnell: in last para but two, replace, "The WSL supports the complete abolition of the age of consent for everyone", with, "The WSL supports the reduction of the age of consent for everyone".

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2. Maidstone, Unemployment Perspectives, in **INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 41**

3. Kinnell, amendment to Cunliffe's document: in page 13, para 5, delete sentences 2, 3, and 4, and replace by: "The paper has started a regular unemployed column, but coverage is still weak. The incoming EC should allocate a comrade to work with the comrades active in this work, with a view to extending it. Mobilising the official youth movement for recruitment and organisation of unemployed youth is central".
1. Outgoing NC resolution in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.25 PART 2
2. Internationalist Faction resolution in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.4X
3. Jones amendments to outgoing NC resolution.
   a) In point 1, after "Catholic minority", add "and those organisations which fight in its defence".
   b) Redraft point 4, to read: "We support the struggle of the republican movement to drive out British imperialism, while we criticise the nationalist and militarist limitations of the IRA leadership. Within this struggle we counterpose a fight to link the struggle against partition with an all-Ireland class movement. This is the struggle to develop a revolutionary socialist leadership. We couple this with a campaign of solidarity within the British labour movement. We do not use the socialist programme on nationalism to avoid taking concrete positions on struggles led by petty bourgeois nationalists".
   c) Add to point 3, "This criticism is secondary, and presented in such a manner".

1. Oliver resolution in broad groups discussion bulletin
2. Amendment from Rowena J. in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.53

Note: A late resolution has also been submitted by Oliver.

There is only one document on this, by James. It will be found in INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.53. It was submitted after the deadline for resolutions.

Jones amendment to outgoing NC resolution on Ireland, INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.25 PT.2
Add new point 6, "We are for the guarantee of democratic rights, including religious rights, for the Protestant community within a united Ireland; but we are against 'Federalism'"