

INTERNAL BULLETIN NO.52 APRIL 1983

Conference material:

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT

SUMMARY AGENDA

DETAILED AGENDA

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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 1503 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

... 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/McVicar/Meehan, Resolution on LP

IB39 ... Cooper et al., resolution on youth work

... Cunliffe, document on the LP

IB3X ... 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.

CONFERENCE BOOKS: The conference book will be available at 6pm on Friday evening, April 18. It contains from 9.15 to 10.15 on Saturday April 19. PLACE: It is in the hall. Contact should be made with the Standing Order Committee at the same place.

INTERNAL BULLETINS: The 200 copies of all the voting documents to be prepared and collected separately in 100 lots, but given the volume of material it is not possible to do this with all of them. We will accept as much as possible and surplus will be used in an arrival at the conference.

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but please bring all your Internal Bulletins with you, and especially the following which include voting documents:

- IB25+ ... Parts 1 & 2 of Cunliffe/Jones/Smith document on women
- IB25 pt.1 ... Cunliffe/Jones/Smith Perspectives
- IB25 pt.2 ... Cunliffe/Jones/Smith document on British Perspectives
- ... Document 1984 NO resolution on Ireland
- IB27 group discussion bulletin ... Greenham Common document
- IB27 ... 100 copies of resolution
- IB29 ... Hunt, 'Back to work'
- IB30 ... Part 1 of Cunliffe/Jones/Smith document on women
- IB33 ... Greenham Common, 'The 1000 unrepentant revolutionaries', Against National Frontism
- IB34 ... Part 1 of 'Methods of fighting women's oppression'
- IB37 ... Hill, LP Report
- IB37 ... Cunliffe/Jones/Smith, Resolution on LP
- IB39 ... Cunliffe/Jones/Smith, resolution on youth work
- ... Cunliffe/Jones/Smith document on the LP
- IB4 ... 'Work' for the LP
- IB40 ... 'Work' for the LP

STANDING ORDERS REPORT APRIL 7 1983

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.

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