

Declaration of a Faction Smith
Matters arising... Elvis
Article on the witch-hunt from Merseyside Labour Briefing,
by Chris Erswell (inserted for information)
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April 21-24
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be "Europe 8", not
"Europe 42".

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To the E.C.

Dear Comrades,

I am declaring a faction for the following reasons:

- 1) A process of political discussion has been completed up to the second conference which revealed sharp differences on all major aspects of orientation in Britain including the L.P., trade unions, women and youth. The September special conference established equally sharp differences on imperialism, which clearly imply differences on international questions not yet discussed by conference, such as Ireland and the Middle East.
- 2) Now the discussion has been completed, the internal situation of the movement, which has been wholly factional for some time, should be recognised as such.
- 3) Comrades Carolan, Hill and Kinnell, who now control the majority leadership of the organisation, have a hardened factional approach to those now in the minority. This is exemplified in IB 35, IB 58, their voting in relation to the Glasgow resolution which called for the leaders of the I.T. at the conference to be expelled, and the far-reaching Party Building document which they attempted to get on the agenda without prior discussion. Amongst other things, this document appears designed to outline the way the new majority leadership will take control of the organisation over coming months. This situation cannot be countered other than in an organised way.
- 4) The political basis of the Faction is IB 48, IB 34, Hunt's youth document and the documents we presented for voting in the September special conference.
- 5) The Faction rejects any idea of splitting from the WSL. We will work to build the WSL and at the same time fight for our political positions. From this point of view we condemn the actions of the RWL and LOR in the TILC conference, particularly their declared aim of splitting the WSL and their resolution on the internal situation in the WSL.

Comrades are invited to join the faction. Some have already done so and I will submit a list shortly.

Smith
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