

**"THE BASIS OF REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION:  
'WORKER LEADERSHIP' OR MARXIST POLITICS?"**

"If it's just ideas then everybody is equal. If you build in the movement, you need a record, if you are going to do any serious recruitment and build in the movement".

Smith, March 10 NC.

This was Smith's response to the insistence at the NC that the faction leaders must -- if they wished to remain in the organisation -- integrate themselves into the leading committees as equals: they could not demand authority as talismanic 'worker leaders' over and above their powers to convince by rational argument.

James P Cannon replied to similar attitudes in 1952 as follows:

"Still less did I expect to see a grouping strutting around in the party demanding special consideration because they are 'trade unionists'. What's exceptional about that? There are fifteen million trade unionists in this country, but not quite so many revolutionists. But the revolutionists are the ones who count with us".

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