

NATIONAL
COMMITTEE
MARCH 31

The National Committee on March 31 passed the resolution in IB 99 suspending the members of the faction from membership.

For: 14 - Callaghan, Carolan, Collins, Fraser, Hill, Jagger, Joplin, Keith, Kinnell, Lewis, Matthews, Parkinson, Strummer, Whettling.

Against: 8 - Cunliffe, Gunther, Jones, Levy, Oliver, Parsons, Piggot, Smith.

The resolution also provides for:

a) In response to the petition received for a special conference, the NC decided to convene the annual conference early - for 6 weeks after the end of the miners' strike, or the end of June, whichever is sooner. At this conference other matters than those proposed for the special conference can also be discussed, and a new NC can be elected.

b) There will be area meetings at which the representatives of the faction will be given the opportunity to put their case.

A full summary of the NC minutes will be published later. The other main item of discussion was the miners' strike.

A resolution was carried on our work round the strike. A slightly rewritten and expanded version is carried in the paper this week: the precise text will be carried later.

There was also a discussion round the possible use of the slogan 'General Strike to kick the Tories out'. The following resolution was carried:

"We should explain the general strike call in the same terms as we agreed for arguing the general strike in 1981 (as reproduced in the editorial of paper no.170).

"We should develop an internal discussion around the general issue of the 'General Strike to kick the Tories out' slogan, reprinting material from the previous discussions over the years".

(Prior to the fusion the old WSL used the slogan 'General strike to kick the Tories out', whereas the I-CL had long been opposed to it. There was however a fair amount of common ground on how to use the general strike slogan, and when we came to raise the general strike question for the first time after the fusion, in 1981, we were able to agree a common editorial. The essential argument of that editorial is reproduced in paper no.170).

Next NC April 14

This will be a special meeting: agenda is the motion to expel the faction, and the question of the general strike. Details of time and place will be circulated to NC members later.

Checklist of recent Internal Bulletins

- IB 78 Articles by Cunliffe on the paper and on party-building Produced outside the centre - in short supply.
- 79 NC documents from January 7; the faction's call for an April conference; the NC decision on the conference, by Kinnell
- 80 Jones on Ireland, Smith on the paper Produced outside the centre - in short supply
- 81 Statement of resignation by Roger W; Cunliffe on international work; Cunliffe on imperialism ditto
- 82 'Imperialism and the new international division of labour', by Scott
- 83 'Some immediate tasks', draft resolution by Kinnell; 'Enough is enough: the Smith faction and the WSL', by Carolan
- 84 Resignation letters by McKelvie and Lovell, and articles by Parsons Produced outside the centre - in short supply
- 85 Not yet produced
- 86 'Some immediate tasks', text of resolution as amended by March 10 NC
- 87 Minutes of NC March 10; 'Stop the rot, stop bickering, start building', by Entwistle
- 88 'The basis of revolutionary organisation: "worker leadership" or Marxist politics? Part I.' Excerpts from Cannon and Lenin, with introduction by Carolan
- 89 'The basis of revolutionary organisation: "worker leadership" or Marxist politics? Part II', by Carolan.
- 90 'The dispute on the TUC', by Carolan
- 91 'The Parsons group', by Carolan
- 92 'Defend the unity of the League! Democratise the WSL!', by 8 NC members Produced outside the centre - in short supply
- 93 'Carolan prepares a split', by Jones; 'Wot? only half a paper', by Cunliffe. Produced outside the centre - in short supply
- 94 Not yet produced
- 95 Not yet produced
- 96 'An initial response' to IB 92, by Carolan
- 97 'The politics of the Smith group since August 1983', by Kinnell.
- 98 'The belated cry for unity', by Carolan
- 99 Documents for NC 31.3.84
- 100 'Imperialism...', by Ellis
- 101 'The basis of revolutionary organisation: "worker leadership or Marxist politics? Part III, by Kinnell
- 102 'Peace at any price?' by Collins
- 103 'A question of leadership', by McInnes

Also included in this mailing are a few copies of articles from IB 1 on the general strike, and of the WA pamphlet on the general strike. More on this soon.