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STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT (Weightman)

DETAILED AGENDA (WITH TIMINGS)

- 11 - 11.05 Opening of conference
 - SOC report: detailed agenda and timings as listed below.
 - Announcement of chairs for conference sessions
 - Limits on speaking times: 10 minutes for introductions to resolutions/documents unless otherwise stated, 5 minutes for procedural resolutions, summing-ups, and amendments (except where otherwise stated on agenda); 5 minutes for contributions to debates.
 - All procedural proposals to be taken to SOC before being raised at conference.
- 11.05 - 11.45 Procedural resolutions on order of conference
 - a) Resolution from Brent branch, on timing of appeal ... IB 123 p.9
 - b) Resolution from NC on Control Commission IB 123 p.1
 - 25-63 c) Resolution from DCF on appeal procedure IB 116 p.2

(If any of these resolutions are carried there will be a brief SOC report on re-ordering agenda).

APPEAL BY EXPELLED FACTION
(A speaker and observer from expelled faction present).
- 11.45 - 12.45 Statement by National Committee (30 minutes)
Appeal by expelled faction (30 minutes)
- 12.45 - 1.15 Questions by conference to expelled faction
- 1.15 - 2.15 Dinner break
(Conference resumes with a closed session)
- 2.15 - 2.50 Resolution from DCF on appeal IB 123 p.1
Discussion
- 2.50 - 3.00 Summing up by DCF and NC
Voting on appeal
- 3.00 - 3.15 Short break
- 3.15 - 3.30 Election of nominating commission from floor of conference
(As per NC decision - see NC minutes in IB 121 - it will be composed of a majority of non-NC members and have a non-voting EC representative).
- 3.30 BALANCE SHEET OF JSION and WSL ORGANISATION
It is intended to discuss these two topics separately.
However, as the documents and the amendments (except those

on 'finance') deal with elements of both, there will be separate introductions from movers to two discussion sessions, but a single voting session at the end.

Voting documents

'Defend the unity of the League, democratise the WSL', from DCF	IB 92
Addendum to IB 92, from Oliver & Armstrong	IB 123 p.1
'Building the WSL', from Carolan & Kinnell	IB 107
Addition to 'Building the WSL', from Kinnell	IB 116
Amendment to 'Addition to Building WSL', p.1, from Oliver:	IB 123p.1
Amendment to 'Addition to Building WSL', p.1, from Oliver:	IB123 p.1
'Organisation Report', from Kinnell	IB 116
Amendment to 'membership', p.1, from Christel	IB123 p.12
Amendment to 'Women', p.2, from Christel	IB123, p.12-13
Amendment to 'centre', p.3, from Christel	IB123,p.12
Amendment to 'centre', p.4, from Jagger	IB123, p.1
Amendment to 'finance', p.4, from Christel	IB123,p.12
Amendment to 'summary', p.6, from Oliver	IB123,p.1
Resolutions on Finance	
from Entwistle	IB116, p.2
from Scott	IB117,p.12

3.30- 4.45

Introductions on 'Balance Sheet', and discussion

4.45 - 6.00

Introductions on 'WSL organisation' and to 'resolutions on finance' (5 minutes per intro for these resolutions), and discussion

6.00 - 6.15

Voting on documents and amendments

NOTE:

Written nominations for the NC, and proposals for numbers on the NC, must be made to the Nominating Commission before the close of Saturday's conference session at 6.15pm.

SUNDAY

10.00 - 10.05

SOC report

10.05 - 11.00

International report IB 116
(Section on Palestine from Keith, IB 121, replaces section in IB116).
Amendment to section on Ireland, from Mellor IB 123 p.11
(Each section of the report will be moved separately, in the order printed, with 5 minute introductions).
discussion.

(Note: Mellor's amendment on 'International Work' - IB 123 p.11 - is out of order - it refers to a totally separate discussion which has not been raised in any document or resolution. But SOC will report on Sunday morning on this, and any challenge to this particular ruling should be made then.)

11.00 - 11.45

Afghanistan

'For the withdrawal of USSR troops', from Carolan IB 116

11.45 - 12.30

'South Atlantic war and our programme against imperialism'

'The adopted resolution', WSR2 supplement

'The defeated resolution', WSR 2 supplement

Amendments to 'the defeated resolution', from Kinnell (IB 123 p.4-7) to be moved as a whole. (If conference wishes to vote separately comrades should approach SOC).

- 12.30 - 1.15 NC hustings
- Voting on number on NC (nominating commission proposal, and alternatives proposed via Nominating Commission)
- Method of election: NC proposal NC minutes, IB121
(~~'Multi-vote'~~)
- East London branch proposal IB 123 p.9
(STV)
- Discussion on candidates
- 1.15 Dinner break. (Voting slips must be returned by 2pm)
- 2.15 - 3.00 Miners' strike Resolution in paper 173
(An emergency resolution has been proposed by Muir. SOC will report on it at start of conference session on Sunday).
- 3.00 - 3.15 Collection
Announcement of NC election results
- 3.15 - 3.30 Election of Control Commission, from floor of conference
- 3.30 - 4.45 Perspectives and tasks.
- 'Some immediate tasks', from outgoing NC IB 86
'Amended version of "Some immediate tasks"', from Kinnell IB 121
- Amendments:
1. To section 1E, from Joplin IB121, p.Tasks/2
 2. To section 1F, from Cunliffe IB123, p.7
 3. To section 3B, from Cunliffe IB123, p.8
 4. To section 3C, from Cunliffe IB123, p.8
 5. To section 4A, from Cunliffe IB123, p.8
 6. To section 5E, from Cunliffe IB123, p.8
 7. To section 8, from Coventry, Nick D, Keith IB121, p.Tasks/7
 8. To section 8, from Edinburgh WSL IB121, p.Tasks/7
 9. To section 9, from Coventry & Nick D. IB123, p.2
- 'British perspectives', from Quelch IB 74
- Resolution on our work, from McInnis IB 116
- 'A Question of Strategy', from McInnis IB 114
- Amendment to McInnis resolution, from Kinnell IB123, p.4
- 4.45 Close of conference

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EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ON MINERS' STRIKE, from Muir

The WSL is well placed, with its supporters in Notts, to mount a bold initiative around the miners' strike. Given the experience of initiating the S**V/R**C and the MC***R, the WSL has the capability to provide leadership in the organisation of a national event that will focus on the necessary of the working class defeating the government with a victory for the miners. A conference sponsored by the Notts R&F SC, Trades Councils, CLPs, Lodges, Branches and Panels, Women's LP sections, Support Committees, Women's Fightback, Class Fighter etc would decide on the steps to be taken to ensure such a victory.

The conference would also discuss the building of LP WPB/Women's Sections for strikers and their relatives. Policies similar to those of the MCD**R should also be placed on the agenda, as should a Workers Plan for Energy and the demand for a Workers' Government. Linked to these policies should be the call for a General Strike for a miners' victory".

STATEMENT FROM McVICAR

I must apologise for being unable to attend the conference to be held on 30 June/1 July. The reason for this is that I booked up my holidays with my family some time ago and could not cancel at the fairly short notice.

Although, of course, my vote cannot be recorded in my absence, I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the decision of the NC to expel the Oxford faction. Despite ties with some of the comrades involved going back over a 20 year period, I have to conclude that their political views play an increasingly negative role in terms of revolutionary socialist politics, and that therefore their continuance within the WSL would be a recipe for increasingly internecine strife serving no positive purpose.

STATEMENT FROM JAGGER

This declaration is intended to make clear that I am fully in support of the decision of the NC majority to expel the Smith faction. I also fully support the way in which it was carried through and the reasons given as to why it was necessary to do it this way. It is my view that the appeals to conference should be rejected and that a decision to readmit the Smith faction would be ruinous for the organisation.

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FOOTNOTE TO 'BRIEFING NOTES ON
"WORLD TROTSKYISM" (IB 118)

Kinnell

In IB 118 I noted that the French LCR initially took the same position as us on the Falklands/Malvinas affair. It is also true that there was a very strong minority in the LCR in favour of withdrawal of USSR troops from Afghanistan right from the start.

We have just received a document showing that the comrades behind such positions have an international tendency within the USFI.

The main political points in their tendency declaration are: Cuba ("an already very bureaucratised leadership which we consequently oppose with a revolutionary marxist programme"); opposition to "the line of unifying the so-called 'world trotskyst movement'"; condemnation of "the wrong line for a year and a half on Afghanistan"; criticism of "the serious error of analysis and line during the Malvinas war... it displays a tendency to neglect the class struggle in Argentina to the advantage of a schema - more or less campist - of confrontation between blocs and states"; "the opportunist position on Khomeini and the leadership in power in Iran"; "ambiguities" on "the strategic necessity of independent women's movements"; "the mediocre way in which the problem of building youth organisations is taken up"; need for energetic solidarity with Solidarnosc; opposition to the SWP's schema of the 'turn to industry'; more intelligent strategic discussion in place of "the simple re-affirmation of the inevitability of class confrontation leading to the outbreak of pre-revolutionary situations - as we always tend to do in our congress resolutions".

The general drift seems to me positive. Notes of caution: some of the points are not very clearly put in the tendency document, and it's also not very clear on how they fit together. On the Stalinist states the document is puzzling and apparently confused - it talks about the USSR, China and Eastern Europe as "no longer workers states", but rejects (explicitly) the 'bureaucratic-collectivist' theory and (implicitly) the 'state-capitalist' theory, and also seems to refer to the Cuban and other revolutions as "socialist revolutions". Despite their substantial support in the LCR on some issues, the tendency is as far as I know small: it is not even the biggest minority in the LCR (there is a bigger minority of semi-Lambertist leanings).

We'll publish more information when we get it.