

Internal bulletin 136

AGM June 22-23

Please arrive on Saturday for

10.45am

at University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) student union, Sackville St, Manchester.

UMIST is five minutes' walk from the railway station (Piccadilly), the coach station (Chorlton St), or the main bus station (Piccadilly).

If you arrive earlier:

Before 8pm Friday, phone Manchester 273 5111 and tannoy SO, or go to the University Student Union in Oxford Road.

Between 8pm and 11pm Friday, go to the Bulls Head pub, London Road (near Piccadilly BR station).

After 11pm Friday, phone Manchester 248 6175 or 226 1072.

Agenda (provisional)

Saturday

10.45 - 11.30 Registration and standing orders report

11.30 - 1 'After the miners' strike'
Labour Party report
See morning

Paper no.224

Since the report is late, we'll take the resolution printed in IB 135 as a basis for voting.

Two amendments:

1. Casey, this IB.

2. Muir, this IB.

IB 133.

One amendment:

Casey, IB 135.

Organisation

1 - 2 Break

2 - 3.15 International

IB 133

One amendment:

Casey, IB 135.

3.15 - 3.30 Size of National EB.
3.45 - 5.15 Women

IB 135.

On Saturday evening there will be fraction and commission meetings - details below - followed by a social.

Sunday

10 - 10.30 World economy

IB 133

10.30 - 1.15 Palestine

See over.

Sunday

10.30 - 1.15 Palestine

In the course of the discussion, three basic positions seem to have emerged:

1. For a single democratic state of Palestine - see article arguing this in current paper (no.233).
2. For an independent Palestinian Arab state alongside a modified Israeli-Jewish state.

This basic idea is common to Carolan, Ellis, Kinnell, with possible secondary differences about then arguing for federation of these states.

3. For a democratic secular Israel embracing West Bank and Gaza, as argued by Scott (IB 135).

With the permission of conference, it's probably best if the final texts of resolutions and amendments on these 3 positions are circulated at the AGM itself.

1.15- 1.45 National Editorial Board hustings.

1.45 - 2.45 Break: NEB elections. (Also standing orders ottee and control commission).

2.45 - 4.15 Youth IB 133/ IB 129

NEB elections results

Internationale.

Standing orders: 20 minutes for introductions (maximum: some will be shorter). All other speeches, including amendments and summing-ups, 5 minutes. Visitors can speak at discretion of conference, but priority to supporters. Voting by paid-up full activists only. Procedural issues to be taken first to Standing Orders Committee before going to full AGM.

Saturday evening

The following fraction/commission meetings are scheduled, and rooms are available for others if comrades wish.

5.20 - 6.20 Lesbian & gay, at UMIST

5.20 - 6.20 Irish commission, at UMIST

5.20 - 6.20 NUT fraction, at UMIST

7 - 8 Youth commission, at University student union, Oxford Rd.

7 - 8 Local government commission, at UMIST.

Amendment on Labour Party - Casey

To resolution in IB 135.

In paragraph 2:

For "We should combine trying to...", read, "We should be trying to..."

Delete: "relating positively to the widespread focus now on the next general election. We demand that Kinnock and Hattersley lead a campaign for a general election and against the Tories".

For: "But we do not make these demands conditions or inhibitions about our campaign for a Labour victory against the Tories", read: "But we do not make these demands conditions or inhibitions about calling for a vote for Labour in the next general election".

Delete: "For ourselves, we should prepare the organisation of a 'Start the General Election Campaign Now' campaign, and further discuss the mechanics of organising such a campaign with other groupings on the Left."

Amendment to same resolution - Muir.

Add:

1. Set up the campaign, enlisting support from TUs (execs, divisions, branches, stewards' committees, etc.), LPs (CLPs, wards, workplace branches), women's groups, etc.
2. Inviting other left groups to participate; various 'leaders' in TUs and LP - offering them platforms at rallies; also platforms for any sections in struggle.
3. On this basis place demands on the Labour leadership to support struggles, and for an election campaign to be fought around:
 - Amnesty for sacked and jailed miners,
 - Against incomes policy and for the right to picket,
 - Against coalition,
 - Support for unilateral disarmament, etc.

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More documents to come.

The following are to hand and will be available at AGM:

- Situation with 'National Youth Fightback': further briefing
- International report: information supplement
- Palestine: a further document by Scott.

