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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 14.7.82  
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Present: Carolan, Hill, Jones, Kinnell, Morrow, Parkinson, Levy, Smith  
Late: Gardiner (domestic). Absent: Noonan (another meeting), Collins (domestic),  
Cunliffe (domestic).

1. RAIL DISPUTE: discussion, agreement to bring the paper forward.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL: discussion on preparations.

3. TILC. Lebanon document - Cunliffe, Keith and Kinnell to be a drafting  
commission for it. Delegation - Carolan, Cunliffe, Kinnell, Jones, Smith.

4. WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Hill gave a report based on discussion with Collina. Last women's commission had  
decided:

- \* Parkinson to be politically responsible for leading this work,
- \* Steering committee of the commission to be made up of the NC members,
- \* Women's commission to meet more often,
- \* August meeting of women's commission to be women-only (for specific reasons  
to do with that meeting, not as a general rule).

Levy said he was unhappy about designated male EC members (Carolan,  
Cunliffe) not having attended last women's commission. Some discussion.  
Jones moved that the report be accepted. Agreed.

5. AGENDA FOR EXTENDED OC.

Carolan proposed a discussion on IB7. After some discussion, agreed to  
schedule:

- a) discussion on IB7,
- b) discussion on sub-imperialism,
- c) more general discussion on imperialism.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE 29.7.82  
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Present: Carolan, Collins, Cunliffe, Fraser, Gardiner, FGrassac, Hill, Hunt,  
Jagger, Johnson, Jones, Kinnell, Levy, Mac douglas, MoVicar, Maddox, Morrow,  
Oliver, O'Toole, Parkinson, Parsons, St John, Smith, Stevenson, Wheeler,  
Whetting, Wolf.

1. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

Hunt raised the issue of the letter by him to the paper about the IMG. Agreed  
the matter should go to the EC.

2. TILC MEETING

Kinnell moved a resolution that the WSL should take the position that the  
political and organisational conditions did not exist for a democratic  
centralist TILC from the December meeting.

Discussion.

Smith moved that we should in TILC propose a non-binding vote on the preparation  
of the December conference, and abstain in this vote. And the matter should  
then be discussed in full at the next NC.

Smith's proposal agreed with one abstention.

3. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAJORITY CAUCUS MEETING

Kinnell reported. In view of the developments at the TILC meeting and in the  
first half of the summer school, the comrades present of the NC majority  
had met before the full NC meeting. Some of them had prepared a statement on

those developments. They felt that respect for WSL solidarity had broken down at the TILC meeting and in the first half of the summer school, under the impact of the 'intervention' by the RWL and others.

Discussion.

Jones moved that the signatories (Carolan, Hill, Kinnell, Whettling, Wolf) be urged not to circulate the statement.

Motion carried by 17 votes to 5 (Carolan, Gardiner, Hill, Kinnell, Wolf) with 2 abstentions (Collins, Whettling).

Kinnell moved that the tendency comrades be urged to dissolve their tendency, to withdraw the call for a special conference, and to continue the debate on the Falklands in the perspective of the regular conference.

A motion was put not to take Kinnell's resolution. Motion carried with 7 votes against.

#### 4. TILC DEBATE ON FALKLANDS/MALVINAS

Kinnell moved that: "This NC, in view of the general Leninist principles of honest political accounting, mandates the WSL delegation to TILC to insist on a vote at TILC - should the RWL resolution on the Falklands/Malvinas be passed - on an assessment of the previous TILC resolution. The TAF statement should be used as a basis for such an assessment for voting. The WSL delegation will naturally vote against it".

Motion carried unanimously.

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#### ORGANISING COMMITTEE 6.8.82

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Present: all comrades. (Jones late).

1. NHS dispute. Discussion. Agreed to raise call for a one-day general strike, subject to consultation with NHS comrades.

2. Summer school/TILC meeting/RWL.

Discussion. Agreed:

a) Smith to do a letter to RWL outlining our criticisms of their view of party-building/party press/strategy/trade union work - i.e. a tendency to a sectarian clique approach.

b) US commission to be re-established as channel for any comrade wishing to maintain relations with RWL, so that relations with the RWL are under the control of the leading committees of the WSL.

c) OC to present a report to NC on our appreciation of the RWL.

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#### ORGANISING COMMITTEE. 13.8.82

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Present: Cunliffe, Hill, Jones, Kinnell, Smith. Late: Levy. Absent: Carolan (holiday)

#### 1. GERAGHTY CASE AND NHS DISPUTE

Assessment agreed as in paper. Also agreed:

a) A circular to be done on recruitment from NHS dispute,

b) Levy to write up experience of Oxford HWFC organising as model for other areas.

2. BL: Smith reported on recent developments.



## THE N.H.S. DISPUTE AND W.S.L. RECRUITMENT

At an Organising Committee meeting we decided to do a circular to the membership about the NHS dispute and recruitment.

Through HWFC, though our work at the NUPE conference, and through all sorts of local activity, the WSL has played a role in the NHS dispute out of all proportion to our size. This work has been valuable and positive in itself. But from our point of view it also needs to be complemented with activity specifically directed towards recruitment to the WSL.

Recruitment work should not be delayed. After the dispute it will be more difficult than now, maybe impossible: whatever the outcome of the dispute, there will be an inevitable slackening of interest and enthusiasm.

Local recruiting meetings can be useful, and the centre can provide speakers. But don't wait for such meetings. The first step, immediately, is simply to ask contacts to join.

Be bold. Once in a long while we may make a mistake by asking someone too soon and frightening them off, but far, far more often we are too diffident. Don't wait until you are sure that the contact understands fully what the WSL is about. Ask first, explain in detail later. If the contact really is not prepared to take on the commitment, s/he can always back out when you make the explanation. But if you assume without asking that s/he is not ready, you may be wrong.

Don't get trapped by a "stages theory". It is possible, sometimes even advantageous, to approach people to join the WSL before recruiting them to the broad groups or even before recruiting them to HWFC. Some, of course, will refuse the greater commitment but be willing to accept the lesser.

It should go without saying that a bold recruitment policy must be accompanied by serious organised education to make sure that new recruits know what the WSL is, know what they are committing themselves to, and get regular education in Marxism.

Kinnell for the OC.

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