

Political Bureau Minutes: 23.11.79

Attendance: Harlowe, Dennis, Howard, Adair (apols. for pm), Manzano, Clynes, Strawson, Cannon, Biggs, Seated: Baker, Hector, Andre, Hutton Apols: Savage

Agenda: SWP (UK) Conference, World Congress, Party building projects, BL, Cuts

1. Report on SWP Conference: Biggs

a. Report noted

b. Specific discussion to be scheduled for future meeting of PN PB on relations between SWP and FI sections

2. Report from World Congress:

a. General Report: Marston Noted

b. Report on Split: Ellis Noted

c. Report on IEC/USec elections: Elliss Noted

d. Travel Allowances referred to Nat. Sec.

3. Report on party-building: Andre

a. Report by Andre and proposals - carried

b. Agenda for branch organisers meeting - carried

*recruitment drive and paper sales drive

*Preparing the setting up of the youth organisation

*Next steps in implementing the turn

4. Socialist Challenge:

m/c Ellis to look into paper delivery for 23 Nov (re: 10am if possible)

5. Leadership Meetings: Clynes

a. The next CC of the IMG is one of the most crucial for several years. It has to deal with 3 questions. The results of the World Congress and the split; the IMG conference discussion; the new situation in the class struggle. It must therefore be held at a time which can ensure the maximum attendance and which gives sufficient time for full discussion. This means it must be held over at least 4 days. This should be over the New Year's weekend. The exact date depending on the availability of halls.

b. There should be a PC on 15/16 December weekend to prepare the CC.

c. There should be a PC on 2 Dec. The whole day must be given over to the report from the World Congress. There should be an evening session hear hear disciplinary charges relating to the split.

4. The attendance of the PSR and Icelandic WC delegates at the CC to be referred to National Secretariat.

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6. British Leyland: Larkin reported

a. Larkin's report: passed unanimously

b. Clynes to organise cdes to visit branches (discuss assignments, etc.) re: Leyland

c. Larkin to discuss with B'han re: cdes taking day off work on Monday- agreed.

. Anti-racist demo:

Biggs reported on assignments: agreed

8. Leyland demo: assignments agreed

9. Leadership assignments: Manzano reported

a. Tuesday night PB/EB. Weds am EB

b. Manzano and Dennis : 1 evening per week on paper

c. Hudson to be discussed with re: SC assignment

d. By Monday, cde to be decided to discuss re: TOB/FI Litho management

e. PB next week, further discussion.