

## NATIONAL BRIEFING FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 26 NOVEMBER, 1979

**BRITISH LEYLAND:** The Leyland dispute over the sacking of Derek Robinson is likely to be bitter and could well be prolonged. Edwardes and the DL management would not have made such a provocative move without some collaboration with the Tory Government.

Given the rotten leadership in DL, this dispute will need solidarity action from other sectors of the class. This is not just an attack on BL but an attack on the entire working class. A defeat for DL will demoralise the militant vanguard and will tremendously strengthen the right wing. It will be a major factor in whether the working class can defend itself against the Tory attacks, let alone whether it will be able to go on the offensive.

Meanwhile Leyland supporters of the IMG with supporters of the WSL have launched a "Leyland Action Committee" to push forward the fight for a class struggle leadership. This committee has been met with the friendly reception from the striking BL workers in the midlands. Two professionally produced leaflets have been distributed and a successful meeting of BL workers held in Birmingham.

It is this national significance and importance of this dispute which makes it essential for every IMG branch to discuss what its members can do.

\*In those branches where BL plants exist cdes should make preparations to hold a meeting to which Leyland Action Committee speakers are invited. Cdes should decide on the appropriate form of the meeting according to local circumstances (Trades Council meeting, united front meeting, SC meeting, etc.)

\*In every branch, cdes should be fighting for solidarity by putting motions through their trade union branch, students union, and through petitions, etc.

\*In the T&GWU and the AUEW, we should be prepared to move resolutions to demand the union leadership make the strike official if this remains necessary after the TU executive meetings. EVERYWHERE we should ask for financial assistance. In those places where the political situation is favourable, we should ask for finances to be sent to the Action Committee also.

ADDRESSES: Leyland Combine Committee, 4 Lea Lance, Cookley, Nr. Kidderminster, Worcs.  
Leyland Action Committee can be contacted by B'rum centre: 021-643-9209,  
76b Digheth, Birmingham.

**THE TURN AND THE NATIONAL CENTRE:** A number of comrades have left or are leaving the centre this week to go into industry (or on courses to prepare for jobs). Last week cde Manzano left the centre; this week cde Dennis leaves. Cde Hutton will be leaving in a fortnight as will comrade Last. Cde Banner and Hill will be leaving at the latest by the end of next month. All of these moves will disrupt the work of the Centre, but we hope comrades will understand in light of the long-term benefits!

**SOCIALIST CHALLENGE SALES DRIVE:** The SC sales drive is making slow but definite progress. Sales through the branches last week just topped 4,000. Together with sales through bookshops, subs., etc. orders are verging on the 5,000 mark. This is good progress, but we still have a long way to go. Many branches are meeting their targets, but in order to get 5,000 branches sales we need some of the stronger ones to be going over 100 % mark of their target. Only this way will the weekly £450 subsidy from the IMG to SC be halted.

The following branches in particular are way below their targets: Cardiff, Edinburgh, Hull, Newcastle, Nottingham, Reading and many of the London branches. Cdes can see from the graph in last week's paper how they are doing. To overcome this lag, we are asking the London branches in particular to make a big effort in the coming weeks through institutionalising sales outside tubes, which have proved highly successful. We also need the branches with Leyland plants to continue the good work they have been doing with factory gate sales.

THIS WEEK'S ISSUE prioritises the cuts campaign and the Leyland struggle. London have ordered 1,000 copies for the cuts lobby on Wed. Extra copies for your branch should be phoned through to Mike Last at the Centre.

**NATIONAL BRANCH ORGANISERS MEETING:** The branch organisers meeting will be Sat. 1 Dec at the national centre at 11am. The agenda, slightly altered now, includes: 1. Paper sales campaign and recruitment campaign 2. Building the youth organisation (bring your money for outstanding Revolution debts) 3. Next steps in implementing the turn to industry.

ALL BRANCHES ARE ASKED TO SEND EITHER THE ORGANISER OR ONE BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBER .

NATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL: As we begin to take education work more seriously, one of the first results will be a national summer school from July 12-18, 1980. The school will be residential, at a conference centre about 30 miles outside London. We are limited to 150 places for this school, so places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Thirty places will be reserved for youth, however.

For one week, including all meals and accomodation, the total cost will be £47.50p. A £10 deposit will be payable by the end of February, the balance by ONE MONTH before the school. Branches should therefore discuss NOW how to raise money to subsidise the cost of youth comrades attending the school. Branches with problems about this should contact the education dept. or yout dept. at the Centre. The theme of discussions at the school will be "social transformations" concentrating on 20th century revolutions. Further details soon, but deposits can be paid immediately.

REVOLUTION CONFERENCE: BIRMINGHAM 14, 15 DECEMBER: Branch organisers should be making a final check-list in preparation for the conference. \*Have all past and present youth contacts be seen, \*Has the branch organisers discussed with each and every student member about their attendance, \*Most importantly, have you taken every step to ensure transport is organised so that youth aren't prevented from attending by transport/financial problems!

NEW ISSUE OF REVOLUTION: The theme of Revolution 7 is black liberation. It will be sent out to branches on Wed. 5 December. HOWEVER today the branch debts to Revolution stand at £700!

So...branch organisers will be asked for outstanding monies to be brought to next weekend's Branch Organisers National Meeting. Make sure you bring yours!

And we hope that branches will also be discussing collectively how to sell this new issue. One good way will be to set up meetings around this issue of the paper with the title "Black Liberation and Socialism". Speakers can be arranged with Revolution nationally.

IMG NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Two things are vital for the conference preparations to go ahead. First, is the collection of the £6 levy. By now every branch will have taken one discussion about how this is to be collected so that it is not all left to the end, leaving individuals with difficulties. Remember, we have to pay for bulletins, the hall, and so on well in advance.

Second, is the return of the census forms so that we can have up-to-date information on the state of the organisation which needs to be prepared IN ADVANCE.

Finally, the next IDB will be out this week. Remember, we have limited resources at the National Office, so it is to your advantage to get your submissions in early. We have had 16 submissions to date, and with this bulletin, 9 of them will be printed. Branch organisers should encourage cdes to write submissions NOW, rather than waiting till the end when we can't guarantee publication. Comrades can take this opportunity to write on any topic or field of work they would like other comrades to consider. Submissions do not at all have to be only those which will be voted on.

TENDENCY MEETING: There will be a meeting for cdes supporting the tendency formed at the last CC in support of the Cannon tactics resolution next Sat., 1 Dec. at 7.30 pm. The meeting will take place at The Fox pub, next to national centre. This meeting is open ONLY to cdes who have read and support a. Cannon tactics resol. b. Brown text on building the revolutionary youth organisation c. the document "Building the Revolutionary Party in Britain" passed by the Sept. CC.

THE SPLIT IN THE FI, WORLD CONGRESS REPORT BACK Comrades have just returned from the World Congress last week. We will be discussing at the PC this weekend the most efficient way to get out a full report to the organisation. Details will be contained in the next NBs, but we are currently preparing a written report for the PC. Furtheromre, proposals on how to continue the disucssion around issues raised by the split will also be considered. In the meantime, cdes should try to get IP/I for information on developments in Nicaragua. This is vital in dealing with other far left groups (sects).