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INTERNAL BULLETIN NO. 5: APRIL 1982  
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National Committee February 1982: short minutes

National Committee March 1982: short minutes

TILC Resolution on the Falklands

Merseyside Branch resolution on the Falklands

Why the General Strike is not on the Agenda

..... Evington

EC resolution on Democratic Rights and the Armed Forces  
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A number of other articles have been submitted for the IB and will be produced in a separate bulletin soon.

Further IB contributions to Kinnell c/o the centre, typed A4 on Roneo stencils if possible.



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Previous Internal Bulletins

No.1: National Committee August 1981; 'The Mole and the Bear' (on the FI(IC)) - Parsons; The General Strike (document for December 1981 NC) - Kinnell; The General Strike - Morrow; Sixteen Questions on the General Strike - Kinnell; Trotsky on the General Strike; Towards an Understanding of Solidarnosc - Evington; Poland, a proposal for solidarity - McVicar and Sinclair.

No.2: The EEC - Scott; Letter from the RCP on fighting fascism and reply - James; Problems in fighting fascism - McInnes; Letter on Ireland - Sinclair; Ireland and the bombings - Neil J.; An interview on the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

No.3: National Committee October 1981; National Committee December 1981.

No.4: Trotsky on the Ukraine (reprints).

TILC Internal Bulletin: Democratic centralism and the international tendency; Debate on the slogan 'free all political prisoners' for Turkey; RWL resolution on cop strikes and cop 'unions'; RWL resolution on the Iran/Iraq war; RWL resolution on busing; Voting in US elections; Letter from LOB-Chile and reply.



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NATIONAL COMMITTEE. 21 FEBRUARY 1982  
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Apologies: Harding (ill), McVicar (family), Todd, Connolly (resigned from NC), Booth (local meeting), Levy (TSC), Oliver (local meeting), Brown (resigned).

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ATTENDANCE  
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Todd had explained she was not attending because of problems in the women's commission. Jones moved explanation not be accepted. Carolan moved it be accepted. Daly moved we note the explanation and take no further action. Daly's proposal agreed.

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REPORT FROM EC  
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Hill presented a joint report from himself and Noonan, commissioned by the EC, on the problems in the EC and OC and the reasons for postponing the NC.

Parsons moved that a summer school/conference be organised on British perspectives. Defeated, 14 votes for, 21 against, 3 abst.

Carolan moved that NC meetings be more frequent, about 6-weekly. Carried, with 3 votes against.

OC proposal for Extended NC on EEC & general strike on April 25; on Afghanistan in early June. Carried overwhelmingly.

EC report (Hill/Noonan) endorsed with 4 votes against and 9 abst.

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MINUTES  
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Eliot moved that her proposal for an inquiry into the women's commission be discussed.

Agreed by 19 votes to 15 to have an immediate vote.

Eliot's notion lost by 10 votes to 22.

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B.L. WORK  
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Smith reported on Cowley and Levy on Leyland Vehicles.

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WF T.U. CONF:  
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Khan reported briefly.

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POLAND  
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Jones and Carolan made brief statements of their positions on the self-determination slogan.

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**SINCLAIR**  
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Hill for the EC moved that EC deal with the allegations against Sinclair at its next meeting.

Hunt moved Sinclair be expelled forthwith.

Armstrong moved the NC . suspend Sinclair.

Parsons moved the Control Commission be seized of the matter.

EC recommendation carried, 4 votes against.

Parsons motion lost , with 11 votes for.

Armstrong said he would feel obliged to resign as W. Midlands area organiser.

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**ZERO**  
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Lewis, for the Cardiff branch, moved Zero's expulsion on grounds of disloyalty. Agreed.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING: 13 MARCH 1982  
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Apologies: Smith (TU commitment), Harrison (ill), Grassac (TU work), Eliot (moving house), Todd (TU commitment), Gable (work), Oliver (LP commitment), Riel (ditto), Armstrong (TU commitment), Stevenson (Palestine work commitment).

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POLAND  
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Jones presented his document, arguing that we should not raise self-determination as a slogan.

There was a discussion. Evington argued that we should propose neither 'self-determination' nor 'independent socialist Poland', but concentrate on the international extension of the revolution.

Morrow motion: to endorse "SL TILC delegation's addition of 'independent socialist Poland' to our demands. Carried overwhelmingly.

Carolan motion: to alter 'independent socialist Poland' to 'independent workers' Poland'. Defeated overwhelmingly.

There was no motion to delete 'self-determination' from our slogans, but the issue was left for later debate.

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POLISH SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN  
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Parsons motion:

- That we affiliate to PSC and see it as our central focus for solidarity work;
- That we maintain the labour movement solidarity campaign as a loose association of groups and individuals to fight against any tendencies to turn the PSC towards non labour movement forces, e.g. SDP, Liberals, and Tories;
- That we seek at local level to base PSC groups firmly within the organisations of the labour movement while recognising that other forces such as the Polish community and the Church have a right to be involved;
- That within our solidarity work a certain amount of sensitivity is required and therefore that our intervention into the PSC AGM will consist of a delegation made up of comrades who can justifiably claim to have been involved in solidarity work.

Gardiner amendment: To delete all from "while recognising...." in point 3. Defeated.

Whetling amendment: To replace "our central" by "a major". Carried.

Resolution as amended: Carried.

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LEICESTER NHS BRANCH RESOLUTION  
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condemning the Organising Committee for the short notice on which the Polish demo was organised and the preparation of the extended

NC. After explanations and some discussion, it was moved by Morrow that the NC note the resolution. Agreed.

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 TEBBIT CAMPAIGN  
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Carolan introduced. After some discussion Cunliffe moved from the chair that we campaign for:

- + A one-day general strike against the Tebbit Bill as preparation for all-out action,
- + an action committee in defence of trade union rights,
- + an intervention in the LCOTU,
- + a higher profile for the Tebbit issue in the April 3 conference,
- + a lobby of the TUC on April 5.

Agreed unanimously.

Jones moved that we approach all left groups for collaboration. Parsons moved that we approach Militant before the rest.

Jones' motion carried, with 1 against (Parsons).

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 FINANCE  
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Kinnell introduced and proposed an increase in dues as circulated separately. Parsons proposed a special fund as circulated separately.

Parsons proposal: no increase in the minimum rate of dues, but all comrades instructed to increase their dues payments. Defeated.

Johnson proposal: dues to be at a uniform rate of 10% of income. Defeated.

OC proposals: carried.