

NOTE ON FINANCE FOR N.C. 18-19 SEPTEMBER 1982

We are in a bad financial situation at present for four reasons:

- a) The flow of paper money over the last six weeks or so has been very bad, with comrades on holiday, etc.
- b) The special fund income has been even worse.
- c) We have just received the bill for the summer school. It is £4600 - i.e. £1600 more than we budgeted for. Exactly what went wrong with the budget is not yet clear, but we certainly have a problem.
- d) There are some major expenses coming up: the work around the Blackpool conference, a necessary repair and overhaul for the duplicator at the centre, and almost certainly leaflets, travel, etc for major industrial disputes this winter.

Immediate steps that should be taken by branches are:

- a) To consolidate the work of getting dues payments up to date stimulated by the special conference. Detailed accounts are being circulated at this NC.
- b) To get their paper accounts straight.
- c) To schedule regular fund-raising activity.
- d) To get out selling the magazine and sending the money in. Potentially the magazine is a big profit-maker. If every comrade sells 10, we will make a profit of over £1000 on it.

We will also have to discuss special measures to deal with the problem of the summer school bill.

Kinnell

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 16.9.82

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

1. SEPTEMBER 22

Levy reported. Discussion followed on relative focus as between national demonstration and local picketing etc. Agreed to seek reports and opinions from NC. Carolan to present a report on the EC discussion.

2. WITCH-HUNT

Hill reported. Stevenson had raised the question of us supporting Pat Wall for the NEC. Hill felt we should stick to our line of supporting the left slate. It is a long-standing decision which we have discussed several times and defended publicly on many occasions - to change it at the last minute would be bad. Besides, it is right. Wall has no chance of winning, and the only effect of his candidacy can be to save Kinnock or Lestor from being ousted by the left. The candidacy is a futile propaganda gesture for not-very-useful propaganda in a situation where it makes a real difference whether or not the left can oust Kinnock and Lestor.

3. SPECIAL CONFERENCE: MATTERS ARISING

Kinnell: The special conference vote decides the WSL line, and there is no argument about that. However, the moral authority of the decision (as distinct from the formal, constitutional authority) is obviously limited.

We accept the third count but we can't be sure it was right. The count was so close that accidental absences, votes of disputed or paper members, etc. were decisive. By my reckoning if all WSL full members had been there the vote would have gone 109 to 100 the other way with 7 I don't know about.