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NATIONAL BRIEFING

Monday 29th October

SOCIALIST CHALLENGE SALES DRIVE

Comrades will know that we are launching a sales drive for Socialist Challenge to try to push up the branch paid sales from around 3,500 to 5,000. This is a considerable projected increase, but is necessitated by the precarious financial situation of the paper. Comrades should be under no illusions. We have run out of sources for subsidising the paper in the way we have done in the past. Unless we achieve this increase in sales, then at the very least the size of the paper will have to go down; at worst drastic cuts in the rest of the organisation's expenditure will have to take place in order to maintain a weekly paper. This will threaten all our other publications and political projects.

We believe that in this period of rising class struggle, 5000 paid sales is a realistic and achievable figure. Some of the branch sales are at the moment extraordinarily low. Therefore we are asking all branch leaderships to take this as an item at their next meeting to discuss; a) are you still carrying out street sales - we know some branches have dropped them, and valuable sales are being lost b) do you do any pub sales - most areas have either lefty pubs or black/Irish pubs where they can sell c) do you allocate a number of papers to each member to sell; does every member sell the paper once a week as a norm d) do you have a sales committee or a regular review of sales on your branch committee. e) do you sell on your local campuses. We have around a month - to turn the situation around. Branch leaderships must act now.

Cdes will have noticed the revival of the S/C events column in last weeks paper. We would like every branch to send in details of their public activities over the next few months as soon as possible to the paper. If you want them in for the next week they must be in by Friday lunch time. National Fractions and internal events can also be advertised here. Phone 359 8180/9.

NATIONAL CUTS DEMONSTRATION/LOBBY

WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER

Comrades should be getting all their Anti-Cuts Committees, Trades Councils, JSSCs etc. supporting this call by the Labour Party with action in the localities and delegations on the day. All London comrades should be also building for the march and lobby called by Lambeth Council for Wednesday 7th Nov. These two demos are important for beginning to centralise the widespread anti-cuts resistance building up, and also building the best balance of forces against the bureaucracy to make the TUC's projected day of action in the New Year into a one-day national public sector strike leading to all-out indefinite strike action later next year against the cuts. Lambeth demo: assemble 12 noon, Clapham Common.

NATIONAL ANTI-RACIST DEMO - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25th

This demonstration is sponsored by all the major black organisations - the IWAs, West Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi organisations etc - as well as the ANL, TUC, CP, SWP, IMG, CAIL and other anti-racist organisations. The organising conference held ten days ago was very representative - over 200 delegates - and the demo looks set to be 10,000 or more. This will be the second major national political focus against the Tory offensive, following on the heels of the successful abortion demonstration. This is a national mobilisation for the IMG. We should be actively involved in establishing local ad-hoc committees to build for the demonstration, involving black, labour movement, womens and anti-racist orgs. We should argue for them to have an on-going character to argue for the three demands of the organisation - "No to the Tory Nationality Law"/No to the Tory Immigration Proposals/ Repeal the 1971 immigration act.

National Centre. All branches should send a delegate to this important meeting. A mailing will be sent out with next weeks paper.

Local mobilising meetings should be organised with black, labour movement and CAIL speakers. CAIL bulletins/speakers can be obtained from:- CAIL, c/o Carsbury House, 41 Camberwell Grove, London SE5. Mobilising material for the demo from CARL, PO Box 151, London WC2.

NEW MEMBERS EDUCATION KIT

A new edition of the New Members Education Kit will be available from the Centre from the end of this week. The kit includes a) Introduction to the IMG and FI and b) a study guide based on Mandel's book "From Class Society to Communism". Mandel's book has been out of print, but a new edition (re-titled "Introduction to Marxism") is now available from the bookshop. This includes some new material. This is therefore exactly the time for branches to order their copies of the education kit. Orders for study guide to Education Dept. price 20p. Mandel book from bookshop at £2:50p.

INTERNATIONAL Only about half the branches have taken copies of International. All branches should be taking at least enough copies for their members and immediate contacts. Orders please to the bookshop. Also, branches which have sold copies please send money as soon as possible.

"AB ORTION -LIBERATION AND REVOLUTION" - 25p

New IMG pamphlet. Explains our strategic understanding of the importance of the fight for womens liberation and socialism and of the fight for a woman's right to choose. Available from the Other Bookshop NOW. Usual branch discount. Branches should use this pamphlet to promote party-building meetings on the theme of "Womens Liberation and Socialism" as part of the proposed recruitment drive.

The following branches took pamphlets on the demo which will be put on their TOB account:- Edinburgh 20, Hull 10, Wolverhampton 30, Leicester 40, Newham 12, Glasgow (Marion) 40, Manchester (Joyce and Pierre) 40. Any queries, please contact Biggs at the centre.

TRADE UNION FRACTIONS

NALGO: Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th November in Manchester. Saturday Session at the "Other Printshop", Back Picadilly, off China St., which is the righthand turning off Picadilly after having come out of the station and turned right out of Picadilly. Sunday session at the Star and Garter, Fairfield St. IMPORTANT SECURITY. Do not enter "Other Printshop" by front entrance but only by blue door, back of Picadilly. Do not ask for IMG or Socialist Challenge, only "Other Printshop". SOCIAL at LONGRIGHT Public Hall, Stockport Rd., Longright - Saturday evening till late. Sunday session starts 11:15am

ENGINEERING

Reminder. This is at 76B Digbeth, Birmingham (Birmingham Centre). This includes all comrades involved in engineering industry including TASS and Leyland workers.

Agenda includes Balance sheet of strike and settlement, Leyland closures, situation in industry and our tasks. Branch organisers please make sure engineering comrades are coming.

NUJ

N UJ fraction will be discussing a media perspectives document, intended to be submitted to the pre-conference discussion, on Thursday 8th November, at 8:30pm at the centre. Copies are being circulated to comrades in the media trade unions - NUJ, ABS, ACTT, NATSOPA, NGA, SOGAT. If you are in one of these unions and have not received a copy by the end of October, please ring Geoffrey Sheridan at Socialist Challenge.

IIDB debts (invoiced from May 78 to May 79)

Aberdeen	4.20	Reading	20.90
Basingstoke	12.25	Sheffield	14.00
Bath	7.90	Soton	2.65
B'ham	9.60	Swansea	8.50
Bradford	.70	Swindon	5.46
Bristol	24.20	Wolves	28.42
Colchester	8.10	Y ork	4.60
Edinb'gh	28.15	H ackney	28.85
Glasgow	24.51	H aringey	11.83
Hudd'field	4.75	Islington	28.50
Huul	19.40	Newham	4.30
L;pool	17.75	OWL	53.00
Man'ter	74.96	SEL	17.25
Midd'brgh	9.80	T.Hamlets	33.58
Nott.	34.20	L ambeth	28.50
Oxford	38.70	Wandsworth	28.50

With the World Congress coming up very shortly, it is very important that we pay the Fourth International for all the bulletins that we have had from them. The IMG nationally has done its fair share by subsidising the IIDBs that go to the branches, but a considerable no. of branches still have not sent in their money. Cdes ought to realise that if these documents are not paid for, the next batch may well have to be more expensive, thus putting the cost beyond the reach of some cdes. Since the last reminder went out in Sept. many branches have returned their unsold copies and paid all or part of their debt, but others haven't even bothered to reply to the circular. these should either send returns and money, or WRITE to the national office immediately explaining their situation. If you think your branch figures are inaccurate, dont grumble amongst yourselves, but write or phone cde Stein (359-8371) to explain where the discrepancy lies.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL CDES

Following the CC (3/4 Nov) 10 cdes will be absent from the National Centre for about 2 weeks. Cdes should appreciate this when they ring the office and in the likelihood that mailings etc may be delayed. So if your business can wait till they return, the remaining cdes will be grateful

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR IMG MEMBERS

- 3-4 November Central Committee meets in London
NALGO fraction meets in Manchester, Socialist Students Alliance NC
- 5 Nov. International Editorial Board meets
- 6 Nov. British Oxygen fraction meeting, 7.30pm Details: Larkin or Matthews
- 7 Nov. Lambeth Anti-cuts Lobby of Parliament (for London public sector)
- 10 November: Anti-racist fraction, one comrade per branch, national centre
CPSA fraction, national centre
NAC National Planning Meeting, Manchester
Teach-in on Iran, Conway Hall, London 10am
NUS National Women's aggregate (for 11th also)
- 11 November: National demonstration on Zimbabwe, 2pm Hyde Park
Picket on Kurds- HKS, Iranian Embassy, 11am
Engineering Fraction, Birmingham, Details: Larkin
- 17 November: Rights of Women workshop on Sex Discrimination Act, Details: Inglefield
Rail fraction, national centre, 1-4pm,
Abortion Campaign national fraction meeting national centre 10.30am
- 18 November: NUPE Secretariat National Centre
- 24 November: National anti-cuts school
IMG National Youth School (Russian Revolution).
Irish Commission. (for weekend)
- 25 November: National immigration demonstration
- 28 November National anti-cuts lobby of Parliament
- 1 December: Women In Action, editorial Board Meeting Young Women's Conference
LSA Conference, IMG leadership invited
Branch organisers meeting with PC members
- 2 December: Political Committee for World Congress report-back
Young Women's Conference
- 8/9 December: UDM Conference/Rally
NUS Conference
Cuban school in London
- 15/16 December: PD Conference, Ireland; Revolution national Conference, Birmingham.
- 15 December: National women's caucus of the IMG
- 16 December: Women's Commission (provisional date)
- 5/3th Jan IMG National Youth School, (The FI).
- 12/13 January: Irish fraction (provisional date)
- 19/20 January: Political Committee (last before IMG Conference)
- 16-19 February: IMG National Conference
- 1 March: Student Rally