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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S LETTER TO N.C. MEMBERS AND ORGANISERS.

EC Meeting, April 16th

Work has now started on the reconstruction of the Cleveland branch in the post teamster contract period. The total emphasis on teamster work, the pressure of national responsibilities and the problems and tensions that already existed have combined to force a total reorganisation of the branch in the next period. There is healthy work to build on and once the UPS strike is over we should be able to move forward on the question. The preparation of the manifesto for the ongoing teamster rank and file is going ahead, this will be used with the main tdc leaders before organising a joint planning meeting. Exact timetable not possible yet. Preparations for the May 1st UPS deadline were reported, the firing of a comrade in Detroit had revealed some weaknesses in the organisation which would have to be worked on. Preparations were starting for the later contract fights in east west and south conferences.

A report on the state of the auto contract work was taken, very little movement over the last couple of weeks, next main thing will be the publication of the new contract coalition paper which we are editing. It was also agreed that the national secretary would be spend considerably more time in this work. It was agreed to do an analitical (rather than mass) pamphlet on Portugal which amongst other things dealt with our fundamental disagreements with the article in the last IS Journal. Also agreed to circulated EC statement on Canada to branches and fraternal organisations.

A report was taken on the recently visited west coast branches. LA in pretty good shape, a little recruitment since last visit in Januray when various members had been resigning/pushed out. Clear that the effect of this was good, real possibilities for teamster recruitment. Seattle and Portland are lying dead in the water so to speak, showing little sign of progress. Neither did fantastically well out of tdc work, though future possibilities are not bad. Both branches will be severely weakened by the departure of cadre to the mid-west, but each will survive. The report on L'ville indicated that as it went up the furthest during the campaign, so it has gone down the furthest in the period that followed. A third of the members of the branch have left and various areas of work have fallen apart completely. Good teamster and phone work remain real, and branch has now been returned to a single branch structure. Branch s thru the worst and still has more than twenty members.

EC Meeting, April 23rd

Reported that written position on security was being prepared, a small campaign to increase circulation of ISJ was starting, the trip by the British comrade had been successful, the push for PRP funds was going well with \$800 and more to come, Red tide starting tyler defense work, chicago splitting the branch and increasing pressure for a new steel perspective now our comrades were getting jobs.

Special ctte around UPS work was now functioning and that the UPSurge motions on the strike would be presented at the strike ratification meetings in all the major cities. In field of tdc/tdu there is now an inevitable lull and a certain amount of demoralisation related to it. The tdu manifesto is now going out to key tdc organisers and our people will be travelling to get support for it over next month. Planning meeting by invitation only should be in June and the founding convention in late

July. Decisions were also taken on the allocation of resources in which it was decided to maintain Joel in the UPS work despite pressure of his other duties (international, economy, red tide, black ctte) it was also decided to set up an ad hoc ctte under Gay to help caucus with black conferece and organise the Tyler defense work. The final discussions on May NC agenda and two of the four convention documents was held. These documents and resolutions are on building the party and our industrial work, they will be discussed at the NC meeting. The other two documents/resolutions which are ~~xxxxxxx~~ not due for discussion will be ready by the NC. They are on international and domestic politics.

May 1976, N.C. Meeting.

Enclosed with this letter are the drafts of the two convention discussion documents mentioned above. Also enclosed are the appropriate resolutions. There will be a second draft of the "D" resolutions available for the NC. The NC (which will start at 10-00 am on Sat May 8th) will have a session on the National Secretaries Report (including the Interim perspectives). Two major sessions on each of the sets of enclosed resolutions. A session on the overall political direction of the convention and other convention related decisions. It will be closed except for invited organisers etc.

The ~~xx~~ enclosed documents will be amended by the ~~xx~~ NC and then re-drafted to ~~xx~~ make them shorter, tighter and more suitable for discussion by the new members in the branches. They will be published along with the other two discussion documents and allied resolutions within a week of the NC. There will be a one day organisers school following the NC on Monday the 10th. All organisers should make every effort to attend. During the course of the NC we are trying to organise a CWA fraction meeting, a joint tdc/ogc meeting and a meeting on the black conference. This will make for a pretty tight schedual so anyone wanting extra meetings should let me know as soon as possible.

Glenn Wolfe, April 27th