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Special Report

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SUBJECT

1. Submitted herewith is a copy of the weekly information sheet dated 16.12.83, which was circulated on a restricted basis to all District/Branch secretaries, National Committee members and full time organisers of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

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1984 REGISTRATION AND SUBS:--

This is not just a routine task; if the registration is carried out properly it provides an excellent guide to the real state of the branch membership. Every branch committee should discuss carefully how to carry out an effective registration.

1. We shouldn't write off individuals who haven't been active recently. Instead registration should be used to discuss with anyone who's missing meetings or not doing much, their level of commitment - there can be personal problems, and so on, which will inevitably with any comrade cause temporary lulls in how much they do. That doesn't mean they're not committed revolutionaries. Visit anyone like this individually and sign them up again as an investment for the future.
2. There are also a number of members who dropped out for no particular reason who can be re recruited. Use registration as an excuse to pull them back in.
3. In some branches there are a number of 'permanent' contacts, individuals who always come, always sell SW etc, but have never joined.. Use registration to try and sign them up.
4. Carry out the registration rapidly, starting before Christmas and try and finish it by the end of January. This will not only give us a good national picture six months earlier than usual, it will also enable the branch to consider its real size, and to compare the registered membership with last year's figure, with the number of active members in the branch. A discussion in the branch on the differences between these figures should lead to a clearer understanding of where the branch is working well and where there is room for improvement, criticism and change.
5. Part of registration is changing the subs.. EVERY SINGLE PARTY MEMBER MUST LOOK AT THEIR SUBS LEVEL AND REVISE IT UPWARDS. The average increase should be around 10%, more for those who have received larger wage increases and less for those who have received very small increases. Many members in a few branches are still paying a good deal less than they should; clearly branch committees in the affected branches need to sort this problem out. WE ARE CHANGING THE SYSTEM FOR BANKERS ORDERS, EVERYONE WHO IS ON A BANKERS ORDER MUST FILL OUT A NEW ONE -this will enable us to organise a much clearer system of checks with the bank. Although this is a technical change it will lead to a good increase in the Party's money. Every treasurer must get the new bankers orders forms filled in and sent back to us rapidly. Please do it without the need for reminders, abusive phone calls etc.
6. Remember the best way for any member to pay national subs is through a bankers order. This involves less work and assures the Party of a regular flow of cash. Try and get everyone on a bankers order. At the same time paying subs (whether by cash or bankers order) is part of making a political commitment to the Party. And every member including those on cash subs must pay regularly. Branches should regularly discuss the level of subs and the need for everyone to pay even if they're unemployed etc and therefore making a small contribution. It's still politically very important.
7. There is a £1 registration fee for every member registering, including students. Unemployed and new members are free. Make sure you send in the registration fee with the completed slips.

SUBS LEVELS SEE OTHER SIDE.

To Register,

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SUBS -how much should people pay?

1. Every individual needs to pay what they can reasonably afford. Many members make considerable sacrifices to pay high subs, some members pay less than the minimum that we should expect from them. Treasurers, with the full and active support of the branch committee, need to discuss with each member how much they should pay. We need to consider personal circumstances, dependants etc, Members on a guaranteed monthly salary (like teachers and lecturers) can afford more than manual workers who may be on a high weekly wage in theory but suffer lay offs, short time working etc. The subs chart is a rough guide not an exact list. Some people can pay more than the chart might suggest, those with commitments will certainly pay less.
2. Subs have to be revised upwards each year to keep pace with inflation. This year we are revising the system so that we can keep a monthly record of bankers orders and cash subs. **SO YOU MUST GET THE BANKERS ORDERS CHANGED.**
3. The list below is a guide intended for single members with no unusual financial commitments.

Weekly take home pay

Monthly Bankers Order

£51-55	£8
£56-60	£10
£61-65	£12
£66-70	£16
£71-80	£20
£81-90	£28
£91-100	£40
£101-120	£50
£120-150	£60
£150-200	£80

Unemployed and school students 25p per week.

Full time students with full grant £5 per month

KEEP THIS AS A REFERENCE

SOCIALIST WORKER MONEY Use the stamped addressed envelope sent out at the end of last week to send us all Socialist Worker money last thing on Christmas Eve. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.** Get your SW money for 1983 completely up to date so that your branch starts 1984 with a clean slate.

SKEGNESS. Make sure your Skegness Organiser gets the enclosed card. If you haven't told us who your Skegness Organiser is yet, please do so straight away.