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Socialist Workers Party

I attach a list of subjects which I would be grateful if you would raise with SDS at your next meeting.

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18 October 1983

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Socialist Workers Party

A SWP National Conference 22-24/10/83

We would welcome any information about the proceedings and decision of Conference. Particular areas of interest are:

(i) Reaction to the expulsion from the Bradford branch of the party. Those expelled, and their supporters, have asked for the matter to be raised at Conference (they have already had an unsuccessful hearing before the Control Commission). They have also circulated SWP branches throughout the country with a statement of their case.

(ii) Membership. When [REDACTED] was reprimanded a few months ago for revealing that the membership was significantly less than the party was claiming, he proposed that the true figure should be declared at Conference. Since [REDACTED] (SWP National Secretary) is still stating the membership to be upward of 4200, it is unlikely that Conference will be informed of the decrease. However, [REDACTED] may feel sufficiently disillusioned to raise the subject.

(iii) Finance

(iv) Foreign delegates. There is to be at least one delegate from [REDACTED] and possibly two from [REDACTED]

(v) Elections to the Central and National Committee.

(vi) The general mood of Conference as it appears to reflect the morale of the party.

B The SWP Computer

The present system is to be replaced (? by a Torch system) because it cannot cope with what is required. The party appealed via the National Secretary's weekly letter for systems analysts to contact the National Office; several members offered help but we do not know whose offer was accepted.

2. Information about the analyst and about the costs and financing of the new system would be welcome.

C Staff Changes

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are to cease full-time work for the SWP and look for other employment. [REDACTED] decision was prompted by the reorganisation of responsibility for SWP branches in London; he has also decided not to stand for re-election to the Central Committee. [REDACTED] may have decided to resign rather than wait to be sacked; the rest of the SWP leadership are very dissatisfied with his recent work,

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and there has been some suggestion that he has been abusing his right to claim expenses from branches.

2. Any background, or reaction, to these resignations, would be of interest, as would any information about changes in the SWP's industrial work, which, it has been suggested, will follow [REDACTED] departure.