

April 16th, 1976

National Secretary's Letter to NC Members and Organisers

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This is not the usual letter which reports an a specific meeting of the EC, or even two specific meetings of the EC. Instead this covers the main things that we have had to deal with since the beginning of the month, things that have been raised in various meetings of different types amongst EC members. We will be returning to our normal mode of operation with our EC meeting tomorrow and you will be receiving a normal letter on this early next week.

① - Document to Organisers - summary of TDC - By will discuss it

Enclosed with the letter is the evaluation of the TDC experience in the post strike period. There is some delicate information in it so it should not be reproduced for the whole branch, though execs must read it and arrange some form of branch discussion for it. Clearly the emphasis now, apart from the obvious agitation around rejection, is in the creation of an ongoing movement. ~~THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT TO BE REPRODUCED OR DISCUSSED OUTSIDE THE TDC~~

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While important this has neither the urgency nor the capacity to swallow all our resources that the previous situation had and we will be using the time to get back on top of other areas of work, branch problems, etc. In the central states area, this pressure is not totally released because of the upcoming UPS strike which is consuming increasing attention in the teamster fraction. The success of the TDC has had a positive effect on the CGC in auto but we are still in the early days of this campaign and it would be a gross understatement to say that much still remains to be done. However the decision to launch a coalition paper marks a step forward both for ~~XXXXX~~ the coalition and our ability to create a broad workers movement around agitational issues, while making this step we are very aware of the need to avoid the mistakes of the TDC such as lack of consistent use of W², etc.

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We will be printing next week, in enough copies for all members, a brief updated perspectives document which outlines the path for the organisation over the coming months. I realise that as we shift to ensuring serious discussion is resurrected in the branches we have developed a tendency of instructing branches/execs/fractions to discuss everything.....an excess we will be trying to curb. But having said that, the new interim perspective must not only be discussed in the branches, you have to ensure that all our members understand it.

In a little over a week, documents for the convention (and the May NC as well) will be out to the NCers and organisers, let me also remind you all that this is a closed NC and only the following non-NCers will be allowed in as invited observers. Mike (Amherst), Joel (Bay Area), Frank (Bloomington), Mike (Boston), Dave (Chicago), Mike (Cleveland), Bill/Jane/Margaret (Detroit), Charly (Indianapolis), Ellen (Cincinnati), Todd (L'ville), Sandy/Nancy (NY), Paul (Philledelphia), Dennis (Portland), David (StLouis), PLUS Larry (Black Caucus) and Anne (IBT FRaction Steering Ctte). The outline agenda has already been issued, full details later. Ac cept this as official invitation for observers.

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Two brief final points that have not been made clear anywhere else. It has been agreed that we will give critical support to the April 24th Anti-Racist demonstration in Boston. It has also become clear that because of the strain of the present work the new branches in Atlanta and Baltimore will be put back a couple of months and the Buffalo one even more than that. We will be trying to get out a new timetable, with personnel and including other movements like New Jersey, movements into steel, etc by Mid May.

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