

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 1989-2007 (BY THEME)

1. PRINCIPLES AND POLICY

1.1 This Conference affirms that the socialist mode of production and distribution cannot gradually evolve within capitalism. Whatever may be the effects within capitalism of the growth of the socialist movement, production for use - and the consequent disappearance of money-commodity relations and wage labour - cannot begin until *after* the socialist movement has won control democratically of political power and has established the common ownership of the means of production by and in the interest of the whole community. (1989)

1.2 This Conference reaffirms the Party's position on co-operatives as set out, for instance, in the chapter on "The Co-operative Movement" in the 1942 edition of *Questions of the Day*, that is:

"In the minds of many workers the Co-operative movement is regarded as being in some way linked up with socialism. When the co-operators take up this attitude they claim in justification that Robert Owen, the co-operative pioneer, was actively concerned for some part of his life with possible means of escape from the capitalist system (...)

Robert Owen's solution was that small groups of workers should try to establish self-supporting 'villages of industry', in which there would be no employer, no master. They would constitute, as it were, little oases in the desert of capitalism, owning the 'land and means of production common'. He anticipated that the movement would grow until finally the workers would have achieved their emancipation (...)

The Co-operative Movement cannot solve the basic economic problems of the workers as a whole, or even of the co-operative societies' own members. Its success is merely the success of an essentially capitalist undertaking (...)

Co-operation cannot emancipate the working class. Only Socialism will do that. The workers cannot escape from the effects of capitalism by retiring into Owen's 'villages of industry'. They must obtain for society as a whole the ownership of the means of production and distribution, which are the property of the capitalist class. For this they must organise to control the machinery of government. Once possessed of power they can then reorganise society on a socialist basis of common ownership. Owen's original aims can only be achieved by socialist methods." (1989).

1.3 This Conference re-affirms the stand taken in the September 1939 *Socialist Standard* and repeated in the September 1989 *Socialist Standard*, that the Socialist Party of Great Britain wholeheartedly supports the efforts of workers everywhere to secure democratic rights against the powers of suppression. Whilst we avoid any association with parties or political groups seeking to administer capitalism we emphasise that freedom of movement and expression, the freedom to organise in trade unions, to organise politically and to participate in elections are of great importance to all workers and are vital to the success of the socialist movement. (1990)

1.4 That this Conference recognises that rules and regulations, and democratic procedures for making and changing them and for deciding if they have been infringed, will exist in socialist society. Whereas a ruling class depends on the maintenance of laws to ensure control of class society, a classless society obtains social cohesion through its socialisation process without resorting to a coercive machinery. However, in view of the fact that in socialist theory the word "law" means a social rule made and enforced by the state, and in view of the fact that the coercive machinery that is the state will be abolished in socialist society, this Conference

decides that it is inappropriate to talk about laws, law courts, a police force and prisons existing in a socialist society. (1991).

- 1.5** That this Conference instructs the EC to ensure that the SSPC, the Publicity Committee, the Meetings Committee and all writers and speakers in the presentation and content of our case lay stress upon the positive aspects of it, i.e. they should ensure that we are understood to be advocates of a new *world* society, where sound ecological values underlie productive activities, and where real democracy, local to global, exists. Furthermore, our message should not be confined to the exposition of our primary aims but should express the necessity to build a socialist movement in practical and realisable terms, i.e. the immediate need to build an active competent party before being able to have any significant influence among the majority of the working class. In addition, the subsequent political, economic, cultural and other problems of the transformation to Socialism should be given informed and imaginative treatment within the bounds of practical necessity. (1992).
- 1.6** That the following note be appended to the D of P: "This Declaration is the basis of our organisation and because it is also an important historical statement dating from the formation of the Party in 1904, its original language has been retained." (1993).
- 1.7** That the 1974 Conference Resolution "that membership of Women's Liberation organisations is incompatible with membership of the Party" be rescinded.(1994).
- 1.8** That this Conference regards Clause 4 of our Declaration of Principles as committing socialists to opposition to all prejudices, based on gender, race or sexual orientation. (1995).
- 1.9** This Conference affirms that any law concerned with the enforcement of class relations or property interests could have no place in socialist society, but that any regulation which may serve the needs of the community could become part of democratic organisation in socialism.(1998).
- 1.10** For the coming census in 2001 the Party adopt the same policy regarding the question on so-called "race/ethnic origin" as for the 1991 census, namely that members and others should be urged to answer 'Other – Member of the Human Race'. (2000).
- 1.11** That the party's 'registered leader' for the purpose of registering as a political party be chosen by lot.(2000).
- 1.12** Conference denounces the Labour government's Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill which introduces State regulation of the finances of political parties and bans donations from those it labels foreigners. As a democratic working class organisation we assert our right to manage our internal affairs, including our finance, free from State interference, and to accept donations from our fellow workers and socialists in any part of the world. (2000).
- 1.13** That this conference endorses the editorial Committee's reply to a correspondent's letter in the May 2002 Socialist Standard and holds that it is a good brief summing up of the party's position. 'The Socialist Party takes a non-theistic, materialist approach to things, in particular to society and social change. Religious people believe in the existence of at least one supernatural entity that intervenes in nature and human affairs. Socialists hold that we only live once. Religious people believe in some afterlife. Clearly the two are incompatible'. (2003).
- 1.14** That the 1984 Conference Resolution, 'This Conference affirms that socialism will entail

the immediate abolition and not the gradual decline of the State', be rescinded and replaced with: 'That as the State is an expression of and enforcer of class society, the capture of political power by the working class and the subsequent conversion of the means of living into common property will necessarily lead to the abolition of the state, as its function as the custodian of class rule will have ended. Those intrinsically useful functions of the state machine in capitalism will be retained by socialist society but re-organised and democratised to meet the needs of a society based on production for use'. (2004).

1.15 This Conference rules that it is policy that any socially useful regulatory measures will be retained in Socialism.(2006).

2. PROPAGANDA AND PUBLICITY

2.1 This Conference instructs the EC to buy advertising time on local radio to invite workers to purchase socialist literature by post or telephone, even if such advertising can only be carried out without using the Party's name.(1992).

2.2. That this conference instructs the EC to prepare, in consultation with the branches, a Development Plan to be presented to the next AGM for possible adoption and that, in order to ensure that this Plan is realistically based, it should be preceded by a Survey to establish the resources we have, in terms of members, commitment, skills, finances and equipment. (1996).

2.3 That this Conference instructs the EC to delay any major expenditure on publicity and advertising until it is satisfied that a sensible long-term, but flexible plan has been outlined, the organisational arrangements to implement it are properly integrated, and adequate means for dealing with the response are in place. Reasonable expenditure for interim routine advertising should be continued.(1998).

2.4 That the Development Plan Committee be instructed to keep the theorising about procedures to a minimum and to come up with a set of concrete proposals for socialist activity over the next four years.(1999).

2.5 This Conference thanks the Development Plan Committee for their work, and calls upon the EC to instruct its Propaganda Subcommittee to recommend an overall propaganda plan for the EC's consideration.(2000).

2.6 This Conference notes:

1. That attendance at political events remains low as a proportion of the population.
2. That one person can distribute 200 leaflets door to door in one hour,
3. That designs and artwork can be stored and distributed via our website.

This Conference believes:

1. That we need to get our message as far across the different sections of the working class as possible.
2. That this message is best put across through a regular and continuous contact.

This Conference resolves therefore, to:

- 1) encourage members and Branches to take and distribute 200 leaflets a month each.
- 2) ascertain from members and Branches how many leaflets a month they would need to take for distribution, and arrange for a relevant print run. Preference should be given, wherever possible, to articles from the current month's Socialist Standard and the leaflet should include an invitation to apply for the three months trial.
- 3) Instruct the EC to place this leaflet in an appropriate format, on the Party web site for others to

download and distribute. (2002).

2.7 This Conference authorises the expenditure of up to £800 to either insert a leaflet detailing Party Literature in 10,000 copies of the New Internationalist or taking a quarter page advertisement in the same journal.(2003).

2.8 In view of the failure of existing advertising, Conference instructs the EC to adopt a more adventurous policy, including in particular loose inserts of Party material in a range of publications. (2005).

2.9 This Conference is in favour of Head Office being used for the purposes of regular evenings of musical/cabaret/political events.(2006).

3. LITERATURE

3.1 General

3.1.1 That this Conference is of the opinion that the Object (although not necessarily the D of P) should appear on all Party lit. (1993).

3.1.2 That this Conference is of the opinion that the use of recycled paper for election leaflets, handbills, internal party use and for the *Socialist Standard*, be phased in, as soon as and as far as is reasonably and economically practicable. (1994).

3.1.3 That the Party help to establish a socialist journal in Africa to assist our rapidly growing African membership.(2000).

3.1.4 This Conference instructs the EC to investigate the willingness of members to produce, and the need for a discussion journal to be titled 'Journal for World Socialism' to be produced under the following terms of reference-

1 The Editorial Committee shall consist of 3 members and should aim at the inclusion of a Companion Party member.

2 The Journal should provide a record of discussion between members of the Companion Parties aimed at the development of socialist arguments and should include discussion on general aspects of World Socialist Movement theory and policy, capitalist development in relation to socialism, and world socialism as a practical alternative to capitalism.

3 The Journal should include a correspondence section.

4 The Journal to be issued initially half yearly, with options on more frequent issues as appropriate.

5 The journal to be issued at minimal cost with format and lay out by members and printing on Party facilities.

6 The contents also to be published in electronic form on the Party's web site or other internet sites.

7 In liaison with the EC the Journal may provide limited space for guest (non-member) writers. (2005).

3.1.5 Be it resolved that all material created and published by the Party shall be licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NoDerivs copyright licence.(2007).

3.2 Socialist Standard

3.2.1. In view of the importance of the layout and design of the *Socialist Standard*, and of the need to provide training and experience for future SSPC members (both editorial and layout), this Conference therefore resolves that from January 1991 the Socialist Standard Production Committee shall consist of: three editorial members, one layout-design member and one secretary, all of whom shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from nominations specifying for which of these functions the nominee is being nominated: and that the SSPC Terms of Reference shall be as follows: .

(a) to ensure the efficient monthly production of the *Socialist Standard* and to report to the EC twice a year, at the end of June and December. The various committee members shall liaise with the printers according to practical requirements and mutual arrangement.

(b) The editorial members and layout-design member shall each as far as possible co-opt other members, with EC ratification, to assist with these functions familiarising potential committee members with the work.

(c) The three editorial members shall be responsible for all written content (including titles etc), its textual accuracy and theoretical soundness, including the order in which the contents appear and the setting of any articles in larger or smaller print.

(d) The lay-out member shall be responsible for the design of the front cover (including its wording), pictorial content and captions, typeface style and any other questions relating to the visual appearance of the journal. He/she shall work in close liaison and co-operation with the editorial members, but without any involvement in any textual decisions other than the pictorial and front-cover captions. (1990).

3.2.2 (i) That this Conference instructs the Executive Committee that any increase in the price of the *Socialist Standard* must be authorised by the Annual Conference prior to the increase. (ii) That in future the price of the *Socialist Standard* shall be determined by the delegates to Autumn Delegate Meeting or Annual Conference and not by the Executive Committee. (1990).

3.2.3 This Conference calls upon the EC to appoint a national literature sales organiser or committee and that the party, as part of a strategical approach to propaganda seek to double the present sales of the *Socialist Standard* by this time next year. (1992).

3.2.4 That a Branch directory giving the times and places of all branch meetings shall appear in every issue of the *Socialist Standard* if practicable.(1995).

3.2.5 That this Conference supports all moves to establish commercial distribution of the *Socialist Standard* as long as this does not interfere with existing sales, and is likely to increase circulation. (1995).

3.2.6 That this conference instructs the EC to raise the selling price of the *Socialist Standard* to 70p.(1996).

3.2.7 That this conference favours the recommendation of the 1995 ADM 'that this ADM recommends One World. One People as a theme for a special issue of the *Socialist Standard* and instructs the EC to publish this special issue in Summer 96.(1996).

3.2.8 This conference affirms that the *Socialist Standard* should include more articles on the practical ways in which Socialism could solve problems, and could be organised. (1997).

3.2.9 This Conference instructs the EC to institute plans for a special publication for June 2004.and prepare information/outline programme to pass to the press, radio and television for

articles/programmes on the Party's 100th anniversary. This needs to be ready mid 2003 at the latest to allow for possible programming.(2002).

3.2.10 This Conference instructs the EC to investigate the digitisation of back issues of the Socialist Standard. (2003).

3.2.11 This Conference authorises the EC to increase the number of pages in the Socialist Standard to 24 and to increase the cover price to £1.50. (2007).

4. ELECTIONS

4.1 This Conference rules that all election manifestoes, statements and propaganda material related to elections, both national and local, must be endorsed by the EC.(1989).

4.2 That this Conference instructs the EC that in future local and national election manifestoes be vetted by the EC before publication.(1989).

4.3 That this Conference instructs the EC to ensure that in future no photograph of the candidate appear on the election material. (1989).

4.4 This conference notes that contesting elections can be a positive advantage to socialist activity by:

- 1) Raising our profile and narrowing the credibility gap.
- 2) Providing an opportunity to publicise the socialist case, make socialists, recruit members and motivate and encourage existing members.
- 3) Ascertaining an approximate measure of support for socialist ideas.
- 4) Confirming our commitment to a revolutionary transformation of society by democratic means.

This conference also notes that at this stage of class struggle our main task is to make socialists by promoting the benefits of socialism to the working class, and that an election campaign which seeks support by 'vote appeal' alone is a passive commitment to socialism and can produce a negative effect for socialist ideas by failing to promote the need for class struggle and social democracy.

This conference therefore instructs the EC to adopt an election policy and strategy, to take effect forthwith, which concentrates our election activity on 1) and 2) of the above so that the working class are encouraged to seek further information on the socialist case, rather than encouraged to use the ballot box as a passive vote for socialism. To this end the EC shall ensure that the emphasis in all party literature shall be in socialist principles and ideas.(1996).

4.5. That this conference favours contesting up to five constituencies at the next General Election and that such campaigns be as far as possible self financing.(1996).

4.6 That this Conference instructs the EC and its sub-committees, in consultation with Branches, to draw up plans to contest at least four constituencies at the next General election and further instructs them to report progress to the Autumn Delegate Meeting.(1998).

4.7 This Conference accepts the principle of the Socialist Party of Gt. Britain registering fully as a political party and instructs the EC to implement this when the first of either of these two eventualities occurs: (a) the next general election is announced or (b) the category of 'minor party'

is abolished.(2004).

4.8 That no more by-elections be contested as they appear to be a waste of money.(2006)

5. ORGANISATION

5.1 General

5.1.1 This Conference resolves that in the event of any future charge against a member or Branch, no further statements or letters be sent after the discussion at Conference or Autumn Delegate Meeting. Further, that the voting papers be circulated only after the official report of the relevant discussion and recommendation of Conference or Autumn Delegate Meeting has been sent to Branches and Central Branch members. (1989).

5.1.2 Re New Voting Procedure at Conference. Whilst members should make every effort to attend special meetings to discuss and instruct on Conference Agendas. in view of the new arrangements whereby actual votes cast in Branches are recorded in Conference voting, this Conference rules that at the 1991 and subsequent Annual Conferences, votes cast at inquorate meetings shall be counted. This means that members attending and voting at inquorate meetings will henceforth be enfranchised in the same way as all other members attending Branch meetings and Central Branch members. (1990).

5.1.3 In view of the proceedings at the 1989 ADM where a vastly disproportionate amount of time was spent discussing organisational and internal matters and one issue in particular, to the detriment of important items in the propaganda, publicity and policy sections of the agenda; and in view of the importance of discussion at ADM in formulating party policy, this Conference instructs that at all future ADMs a time limit be allocated to each section of the agenda in a similar way to current Conference procedure. The Executive Committee and relevant sub- committees to take action on this. (1990).

5.1.4 That the function of Head Office Assistant be renamed Head Office Organiser, and that full terms of reference be regularly updated by the Executive Committee with a view to the eventual extension of this work from its present 3 days a week basis. (1990).

5.1.5 That the chair be given authority to ask any person, delegate or otherwise, acting in an unruly manner to leave the Conference room subject to a vote in favour by Conference delegates, and that Conference Standing Orders be amended accordingly. (1991).

5.1.6 That the Standing Order of Conference, Delegate Meetings and Special Conferences be amended as follows: Rule 14, Addendum: "In the event of a vote of censure being carried, a vote to suspend the member may be taken. If carried, the suspension not to exceed 15 minutes duration". (1991).

5.1.7. This Conference calls for a volunteer to run a new and secondhand bookshop at the front portion of Head Office. (1992).

5.1.8 That as inadequate theoretical and historical knowledge (especially about other movements purporting to oppose capitalism) can lead frustrated and isolated members to seek erroneous alternatives to sound socialist activity, this Conference instructs the EC to arrange without undue delay, the distribution to new members, and other members requesting them,

of articles from the *Socialist Standard* listed (see Annex), together with any other important theoretical articles of which new members should be made aware. (1992)

5.1.9 This Conference instructs the EC to set up a Committee to further examine the deepening world crisis and to report to the Autumn Delegate Meeting. (1992).

5.1.10 This Conference supports any lawful action to protect the legal identity and funds of the Socialist Party of Great Britain. (1995).

5.1.11 That this conference re-affirms the need for potential members to be examined by the branch they wish to join as instructed in Rule one, and instructs branches to ensure that applicants are in agreement with the Party's object and principles before recommending acceptance of their application. (1996).

5.1.12 This Conference instructs the Executive Committee to establish a Working Party to examine party organisation with a view to involving more members of Central Branch in the activities of branches and groups, the Working Party to report to the 1997 ADM (1997).

5.1.13 This Conference instructs the Executive Committee to establish a Working Party to review arrangements for Annual Conference, paying particular attention to conference procedures, behaviour and representation, the Working Party to report to the 1997 ADM (1997).

5.1.14 That for placing amendments to rule, resolutions and items for discussion on the Conference and ADM agendas and to be represented by delegates, Central Branch shall be organised as a Branch. The procedure to be as follows:-

1. The administration of Central Branch shall remain with the Central Branch Secretary except in respect of the participation of Central Branch members in Conference and ADM which will become the work of a Central Branch Organiser.
2. The Central Branch Organiser to be elected annually by Central Branch members. Names shall be called for by the EC.
3. Amendments to rule, resolutions, items for discussion and the names of delegates may be proposed by individual members but made available to be voted on by all Central Branch members.
4. Successful items and the names of elected delegates shall be forwarded to the Standing Orders Committee by the Central Branch Organiser in a timetable compatible with the issue of the Preliminary and Final Agendas of Conference and ADM Agenda.
5. The number of delegates at Conference to be in accordance with the maximum number of Central Branch members voting, i.e., two for the first ten and one for every further ten.
6. The Central Branch Organiser shall have the power to co-op assistance. (1997).

5.1.15. That this Conference instructs the EC to arrange, with the Central Organiser, a feasibility study on forming new branches based on Central Branch members living in the same geographic area, and report back progress to the Annual Delegate Meeting.(1998).

5.1.16 That a committee be set up to examine the problem of 'Year 2000 Computer Crash' with reference to any problems which might be caused to the Party from outside failures or disruption.(1998).

5.1.17 That the Audit Committee be wound up. (1999)

5.1.18 That the Conference Procedures Working Party be wound up.(1999).

5.1.19 That at the start of each year an overall budget statement covering all party activity in that year, as recommended by the 1998 ADM report from the Finance Working Party. (1999).

5.1.20 That this conference, while recognising that the Party cannot accept string attached donations, sees no objection in principle to the Party appealing for funds for a specified purpose (e.g. the Socialist Standard, a new Companion Party, an election) and accounting for these in a separate notional fund, on the understanding that in an emergency money donated for such specified purpose can be borrowed or used to cover the general costs of the Party. (2000).

5.1.21 That the EC be instructed to investigate the possibility of leasing out Head Office and the Party renting another more suitable premises for use as Head Office. (2000).

5.1.22 This Conference instructs the EC to call for nominations for a committee to consider further work on the question of the positive proposals that the party can put forward on the organisation of socialism, and report to ADM. (2001).

5.1.23 This Conference affirms that the job of speakers when appointed to represent the Party is to state the agreed Party policy. Controversial matters should be discussed within the normal channels of internal Party debate.(2002).

5.1.24 That branch standing orders be amended with regard to requirements for a quorum to read: In order for a properly constituted branch meeting to take place the members attending shall have to be three for the first ten or part of ten and one for every part of ten. (2003).

5.1.25 On matters of urgency, where branches have no scheduled branch meeting before closing dates the secretary shall be empowered to obtain the members support by post, phone or email. Such actions must be ratified by the next branch meeting. (2003).

5.1.26 That the Party organise classes in the correct organisation and running of Party business meetings.(2004).

5.1.27 This Conference affirms that the Terms of Reference of the PFU Committee shall be as follows -

1 The Committee shall consider further work on the question of the positive proposals that the Party can put forward on the organisation of socialism, with a view to producing reports, papers, etc. for wider Party discussion.

2 The Committee shall consist of 3 members, with powers to co-opt additional members where appropriate.

3 The Committee shall try to keep the Party informed of the progress of its work, shall invite participation and consider contributions from branches and members.

4 The Committee shall seek opportunities to involve the wider WSM Movement in its work, shall be empowered, with Party approval, to request the production of suitable material from sources outside the movement.

5 The Committee shall report to Branches and the EC prior to Conference and ADM, and more frequently as necessary. (2005).

5.1.28. As from 1st July 2005 the party dues be increased to £5 per month.(2005).

5.1.29 That any items for ADM and Conference shall not be accepted onto the agenda unless accompanied by a supporting statement or unless in the opinion of Standing Orders it is self-

explanatory. (2005)

5.1.30 This Conference endorses the recommendation of 2004 ADM that the front of Head Office should be refurbished, including an appropriate replacement of the bricked area. (2005).

5.1.31 That the Party sets up a Members Dues account and issues new Standing Order forms for the collection of dues so that these funds may be more easily identified.(2007).

5.1.32 That the Internet Department be held responsible for connecting members to Spintcom/Spopen. (2007).

5.1.33 This Conference decides that henceforth all central Party membership votes shall be conducted as secret ballots.(2007).

5.2 Overseas

5.2.1 This Conference notes that circumstances have led to the transfer of the Irish comrades to membership of the Socialist Party of Great Britain for the time being. In view of the political work put in since 1949 under their previous name, Conference agrees that, if Belfast Branch so desires, it can continue to operate under the name of "The World Socialist Party (Ireland)". (1992).

5.2.2 We will consult our Companion Parties when considering accepting a further Companion Party. (1995).

5.2.3 That this Conference instructs the EC to launch a WSP (India) fund; to circulate all members telling them of the urgent need of financial aid to our Comrades in Calcutta: and that a notice appear in the Socialist Standard. (1998).

5.2.4 This Conference proposes the Socialist Party contact other companion parties of the WSM, with a view to formally establishing the World Socialist Movement and its democratic and administrative structure. (2000).

5.2.5 That the EC be instructed to write to all the Companions Parties of Socialism to ask their views on setting up a World Socialist Movement. Any replies to be circulated to branches and any interested member as well as the Party's web sites. (2000).

5.2.6 This Conference instructs that, in order for the Party to be better informed of the views and activities of the Companion Parties, their minutes be circulated to Branches together with the EC Minutes. (2001).

5.2.7 This conference supports the formal establishment of the World Socialist Movement. The object of the WSM is the spread of socialist ideas, particularly the founding of new Companion Parties and cooperative activity among its Companion Parties. The precise organisation of the WSM is to be decided subsequently. Conference instructs the EC to send copies of this resolution to each Companion Party, with a view to their also supporting the formal establishment of the WSM. (2002).

5.2.8 Following the report of Comrades Lambert and Otter, this Conference recognises the Ukrainian Group of comrades as a Companion Party of the World Socialist Movement, subject to endorsement by other Companion Parties. (2002).

5.2.9 This Conference rules that the Party shall cease sending money grants to overseas groups or individuals, but shall continue to give every assistance to socialist activities abroad by way of printing and dispatching campaign material from Head Office. (2006).

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6.1. In the event of the amendment to Rule 13 concerning monthly EC meetings being carried, the newly-worded Rule shall come into effect immediately after Conference and a ballot shall be held for any vacancies that might exist on the EC as at 29 April 1992. (1992).

6.2. This Conference instructs the EC to appoint, in accordance with Rule 17, a General Purposes Subcommittee of five members, with a quorum of three, whose remit shall be to deal, in between meetings of the EC, with such routine financial and purely administrative matters as the EC may decide. This subcommittee shall only take decisions by consensus and shall submit Minutes of its business to the next following EC Meeting and all branches. EC Members and Party Officers may be nominated for this General purposes Committee.(1992).

6.3 As the EC now only meets once a month, this Conference instructs that minutes are sent out as soon as possible and before they are adopted at the next EC meeting on the understanding that any amendments to the final agreed minutes be sent to branches as soon as possible. (1993).

6.4. Members of Central Branch shall automatically receive Conference and ADM reports but EC minutes be sent only to those members who specifically request it (1996)

6.5 That this Conference affirms that all departments and sub-committees of the EC, as well as the EC itself, are accountable and must report to Annual Conference and ADM as are Party Officers. (1996).

6.6. That access to the list of Party Members be decided by the EC. (1998).

6.7 That in future all complaints about the work of departments and subcommittees of the EC shall be handled by the EC itself, rather than directly by the subcommittees concerned. (1999).

6.8. This Conference hereby amends previous Conference resolution on the subject so as to make the submission of supporting statements along with nominations for the EC and Party Officers optional rather than compulsory. (2000).

6.9 That this Conference instructs that nominations for Party Officers and EC members who have not previously held office must be accompanied by a supporting statement. In cases where members have previously held office, this is optional. (2001).

6.10 This Conference instructs the EC to:

1) Place and keep an up-to-date version of the Party rule book on the Party web site, in a suitable format.

2) Prepare, place and keep a display of substantive motions carried by conference, party poll or general meetings of the Party, on the same, where it is practicable to recover them from the records. (2003).

6.11 That in view of the action of certain E.C. members in disregarding a decision taken at Annual Conference 2006, Conference hereby re-affirms its over-riding democratic authority. (2007).

ANNEX A

(Resolution 5.1.8, 1992).

- 1 Sep 73 "Marx in his Time". Marx's ideas in historical perspective.
- 2 Jan 81 "Private Property and class possession".
- 3 Feb 81 "Are the managers really in control?". Critique of Trotsky, Burnham and Wittfogel. (Two articles on the nature of class society).
- 4 Jun 82 "Interpreting Marx". Marx as interpreted by M. Rubel and the Socialist Party
- 5 May 80 "Karl Marx's Declaration of Principles". Important discovery on Marx's position & the Socialist Party's Declaration of Principles.
- 6 Nov 86 "Socialism and Democracy". Review of K. Graham's *The Battle for Democracy*. Analysis of democratic theory, puts our view, rejects Lenin and others.
- 7 Apr 87 "State Capitalism". Review of *State Capitalism* by A. Buick and J. Crump. Gives the Socialist Party's analysis.
- 8 Oct 87 "Leninist State vs World Socialism". Critique of the SWP's socialist pretensions. "Limits of Glasnost". Change in the USSR.
- 9 Sep 85 "Marx: money must go". Extremely valuable analysis of an important early work of Marx.
- 10 Dec 83 "Marx's financial articles". Detailed historical and theoretical analysis of 19th century banking and currency theory. Essential background for discussion of UK 'inflation' and other problems.
- 11 Jul 85 "Markets, monopoly and war". Imperialist theories of Lenin, Hilferding, Hobson examined from a Marxian standpoint.
- 12 Mar 84 "William Morris: life and times". Useful introduction to a pioneer Socialist.
- 13 Feb 84 "Morris and the problem of reform or revolution". Closely argued analysis of Morris' ideas on Socialism how to build it.
- 14 Nov 86 "William Godwin, Shelley and Communism". Analysis of 19th Century radical thinkers.
- 15 Dec 67 "What is anarchism?". Critical analysis of anarchist views.
- 16 Apr 84 "Abundance is feasible". Critique of Alec Nove's *Economics of Feasible Socialism*.
- 17 Dec 87 "Socialism and Calculation". Production without monetary calculation.
- 18 Jan 89 "Socialism now". Radical hopes, past and present.
- 19 Dec 89 "Modern technology and socialism". Conference lecture March 1989
- 20 Aug 89 "Socialism means one world". Concise argument about practical socialism.
- 21 Aug 87 "One green world". Effective Marxian critique of green reformism with an outline of how practical Socialism would work – and deal with the problems of the biosphere.
- 22 Mar 61 "The Kier Hardie myth". 1914: The Socialist Party's stand compared to Kier Hardie's support of recruitment.
- 23 Feb 85 "What causes famines?" Food, hunger and profit discussed.
- 24 Mar 85 "How many die of famine?" Very detailed examination of statistics.
- 25 Nov 88 "Class struggle, ancient and modern". Review of *The Class Struggle in the Ancient Greek World* by G.E.M. de St. Croix.
- 26 Oct 86 "Syndicalism: its origin and weaknesses". History and theory.

This is a preliminary list. Numerous other articles of theoretical or historical importance should be made available in due course.