

The Socialist Party

Voting at CONFERENCE 2002

Comrades.

These are the results of the Conference 2002 votes.

Item 1: MOTION: West London: "That, from 2003. Conference always be held at the same time, e.g. May Bank Holiday weekend." AMENDMENT: Manchester; "Insert; 'two weeks before' in front of 'May Day'."

VOTE 1 on the amendment For...24 Against...73

VOTE 2 if the amendment is carried. For...20 Against...69

VOTE 3 if the motion is not amended. For...32 Against...62

MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Item 2: MOTION: Manchester "That the Party take immediate steps to lease out Head Office." See Branch circulars.

VOTE 4 For...15 Against...88

MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Item 3: MOTION: South London; "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), Instruct the EC to provide for the publishing of a different leaflet a month, with a print run and distribution sufficient to match the demand from members. 3), Instruct the EC to place this leaflet in an appropriate format, on the Party web site for others to download and distribute."

AMENDMENT: West London: Delete all after 'Instruct the EC' in 2), and replace with 'to 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.'

VOTE 5 on the amendment For...57 Against...28

VOTE 6 if the amendment is carried For...61 Against...24

VOTE 7 if the motion is not amended For...39 Against...44

MOTION AS AMENDED IS CARRIED

Item 4: MOTION: Manchester: "This Conference instructs the EC to institute plans for a special publication for June 2004."

AMENDMENT: West London; add at the end; "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."

ADDENDUM: South London; Add at end "including a frank appraisal of the party's strengths and weaknesses, and the failure of workers to take up socialist ideas." See Branch circular.

VOTES on the amendment by West London For...98 Against...2.

VOTE 9 on the addendum by South London For...41 Against...54

VOTE 10 if only the amendment is carried For...90 Against...6

VOTE 11 if only the addendum is carried For...52 Against...37

VOTE 12 if both are carried For...65 Against...25

VOTE 13 if the motion is not amended For...84 Against...9

MOTION AS AMENDED BY WEST LONDON IS CARRIED

Item 5: MOTION: Manchester "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 co-operative 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." See Branch circular.

VOTE 14 For...73 Against...25

MOTION CARRIED.

Item 6: MOTION: South London; "This Conference affirms that the job of speakers when appointed to represent the Party is to state the broadly agreed Party policy. Controversial matters should be discussed within the normal channels of internal Party debate."

AMENDMENT: Glasgow Branch; Delete the word: 'broadly'

VOTE 15 on the amendment For...60 Against...33

VOTE 16 if the amendment is carried For...74 Against...19

VOTE 17 if the motion is not amended For...55 Against...32.

MOTION AS AMENDED IS CARRIED.

Item 7: MOTION: South London: "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."

VOTE 18 For...97 Against...2

MOTION CARRIED.

Item 8: MOTION: South London; "This Conference affirms that in a socialist society all law which regulates and enforces the class relations of capitalism will be abolished, however, any incidental law which could serve democratic organisation and the needs of individuals and communities would be continued together with appropriate democratic institutions for the administration of such socially useful law."

VOTE 19 For...42 Against...56

MOTION NOT CARRIED

Item 9: AMENDMENT TO RULE: Lancaster; "That Rules 27, 27a, 28, 29 and 30 be merged in the sequence: 29, 27 and 30 as a new rule 27 and 27a and 28 as a new rule 28. Renumber Rules 31, 32 and 33 accordingly,"

VOTE 20 For...59 Against...19

Item 10: AMENDMENT TO RULE: Lancaster: "That Rules 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 be sequenced in the order: 21. 23.22. 24, 20 and renumbered accordingly."

VOTE 21 For...60 Against...18

Item 11: AMENDMENT TO RULE: Lancaster: "(a) between Rules 5 and 6, insert subheading 'BRANCHES and (b) between Rules 25 and 26, insert subheading 'PARTY POLL:'"

VOTE 22 For...62 Against...18

Item 12: AMENDMENT TO RULE: Lancaster; "That the last sentence of Rule 6, "All Branch monies are Party funds" be transferred to become the last sentence of Rule 9."

VOTE 23 For...63 Against...18

Item 13: AMENDMENT TO RULE: Lancaster; "That Rule 11 be moved to follow Rule 3 to become the new Rule 4, renumber following rules as needed."

VOTE 24 For...58 Against...20

ALL LANCASTER'S AMENDMENTS TO RULE CARRIED.

RETURNS FROM BRANCHES:

Central: 28, Central London: 13, Glasgow: 12, West London: 10, Manchester: 8, South London: 7, Entfield and Haringey: 5, Lancaster: 5, Swansea:5, Birminham:4, North East: 3, Edinburgh: 2, West Cornwall:2.

M Browne

Standing Orders Committee 12th May 2002.

Item 4. "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" (West London Branch). For 87 Against 28. Carried.

Item 5. "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" (South London Branch). For 92 Against 28. Carried.

Item 6. "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" (West London Branch). For 67 Against 46. Amendment Carried. As Sub-Res: For 73 Against 38. Carried.

Item 7. "Amend Rule 21 so that it reads: 'A Conference of the Party be held annually in the Spring'" (Central London Branch). For 78 Against 38. Amendment to Rule Carried.

5. Returns from Branches on the voting on the items.

Central Branch 49. Glasgow 16. Manchester 10. West London 10. Central London 9. South London 9. Swansea 7. Enfield and Haringey 6. Birmingham 6. West Cornwall; 5. North East 4. Lancaster 4. Edinburgh 1. A total of 136 voting papers were returned. That's 29%.

VOTING AT THE 96TH CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY. 21& 22nd APRIL 2000

MOTION: WEST LONDON

"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." See Br circular.

1. CARRIED: 92-31

MOTION: WEST LONDON

"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." See Br circular.

2. CARRIED: 82-40

MOTION: MANCHESTER

"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." See Br Circular

3. CARRIED: 79-41

MOTION: LANCASTER "That we adopt the 'Bad Penny' illustrated below as the Party's logo." See Br Circular

4. NOT CARRIED: 42-82

MOTION: LANCASTER

"That the party's 'registered leader' for the purpose of registering as a political party be chosen by lot, subject to that person's agreement. Party Officers and Executive Committee members to be excluded from being chosen." See Br Circular.

AMENDMENT WEST LONDON; "Delete all after agreement on line 2."

5. AMENDMENT CARRIED: 61-52

6. AS AMENDED CARRIED: 60-48

MOTION: WEST LONDON

"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'." See Br circular

7. CARRIED: 105-5

MOTION: WEST LONDON

"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." See Br Circular.

8. CARRIED: 118-3

MOTION: WEST LONDON

"This Conference thanks the Development Plan Committee for its work and calls upon the EC to appoint a committee to organise co-ordinated Party activity."

AMENDMENT; SOUTH LONDON

"That the motion be amended to read: "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."

9. AMENDMENT CARRIED: 69-29

10. AS AMENDED CARRIED: 67 -31

MOTION: WEST CORNWALL

"That the Party should cease to contest national and European elections until it is in a numerically much stronger position to do so." See Br circular

AMENDMENT: WEST LONDON; "Delete 'national and' on line 1."

11. AMENDMENT NOT CARRIED: 39-74

12. MOTION NOT CARRIED: 52-64

MOTION: NORTH EAST

"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."

13. CARRIED: 91-27

MOTION: LANCASTER

"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." See Br Circular.

AMENDMENT: EDINBURGH "Add to the last sentence 'as well as the Party's web sites.' "

14. AMENDMENT CARRIED: 105-10

15. AS AMENDED CARRIED: 97-17

MOTION: WEST CORNWALL

"That the Party establishes an African socialist Journal to assist our rapidly growing African membership." See Br circular.

AMENDMENT: WEST LONDON

"Delete 'establishes' and replace with 'help to establish', delete 'African' and insert 'in Africa'. The motion would then read: "That the Party help to establish a socialist journal in Africa to assist our rapidly growing African membership." 16.

AMENDMENT CARRIED: 105-11

17. AS AMENDED CARRIED: 95-13

AMENDMENTS TO RULE;

RULE 2: WEST LONDON

"Amend Rule 2 as follows: in 3rd sentence, on line 6, delete '13 weeks', insert '26 weeks', in 3rd sentence between 'lapsed by the Branch' And 'subject to EC ratification...', delete comma. insert '. A member more than a year in arrears shall be lapsed without further notice,' add after 'ratification', 'Such a member " after 'Branch,' at the end of the 2nd sentence, on line 5, delete comma, insert '. Under the same circumstances the Branch may decide to accept part payment of Dues.' So the amended Rule 2 would then read after the end of the 2nd sentence: "Under the same circumstances the Branch may decide to accept part payment of Dues. A Member becoming more than 26 weeks in arrears shall be immediately notified by the Branch secretary and if, after the expiration of 28 days from the sending of such notice no satisfactory explanation is received, may be lapsed by the Branch, subject to EC ratification. A member more than a year in arrears shall be lapsed without further notice, subject to EC ratification. Such a member shall not be allowed to join any branch while those arrears remain.' The last sentence to remain unchanged." See Br circular.

18. CARRIED: 79-33

RULES 1 & 3: MANCHESTER

"That no new member be accepted into Central Branch, either by joining or by transfer, with the exception of overseas members, and that the rules be amended as follows:

RULE 1: in lines 5-6, delete "except Central Branch members who are provided for in Rule 11."

RULE 3: delete 'including' in line 2 and replace with 'except'. Delete the third sentence (Members of request otherwise.)" See Br circular 19. CARRIED: 57 -53

RULE 23: LANCASTER

"Amend Rule 23 as follows, insert at the end of the third sentence: 'Within five (5) weeks after Conference', delete 'at' between 'recorded' and 'Conference' at the end of the fifth sentence, inserting 'and sent to the Standing Orders Committee within six (6) weeks after the'."

20. CARRIED: 65-34 See Br circular.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE 7/5/2000

Conference Resolutions 1999

Note: Due to the inquorate nature of the 1999 Conference, the EC was unsure as to how to proceed in implementing the results. The section of the EC minutes, including the resolutions, follows.

[...]

5. Conference Resolutions carried: 2A; 2B; 2C; 2E; 2F; 4A; 4E; 7F and one floor resolution.

5.1 Cde K. Powell expressed concern that due to Conference being inquorate the validity of the voting procedure was questionable. It was the consensus that the EC could not overrule Conference. and whatever the procedure adopted to record the Conference vote the EC had to abide by it.

Buick and Parker: "That Comrade Powell's reservations that, in his opinion since Conference was inquorate, the motions 'passed' were valid", be recorded in the minutes." Carried 5-0.

Greenwood and Powell: "That we now discuss Comrade Powell's reservations about the validity of Conference decisions." Carried 3-2.

Could an inquorate Conference ratify the democratic procedure of the Party? If this was questionable the EC should question its own position regarding Conference decisions by taking a vote on each individual resolution carried by Conference. Agreed that the EC vote on resolutions carried by Conference be recorded.

2A. Motion (West London): "That the Audit Committee be wound up. Grant and Buick: "That the motion be accepted." Carried 4-3.

2B. Motion (West London): "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."

Grant and Buick: "That the motion be accepted." Carried 6-2.

2C. Motion (West London): "That the Conference Procedures Working Party be wound up."

Johnson and Grant: "That the motion be accepted." Carried 6-0.

2E. Motion (Clapham): "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."

Buick and Grant: "That the motion be accepted." Carried 4-2.

2F. Motion (Clapham): "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."

Parker and Grant: "That the motion be accepted." Carried 6-1.

5.1a Change of Rules. Buick and Parker: "That the amendments to Rules 16, 23, and 11 be incorporated into the Rule book." Carried 6-1.

5.1b Floor resolution (Cook and Hopwood): "This Conference requests the EC to give its urgent consideration to re-organising Conference procedures and voting systems." Carried 6-5. Noted.

5.1c Parker and Wigley: "That the EC set up a sub-committee to consider procedures at future conferences; to report back to the September EC meeting." Carried 8-0. Agreed that a call be made for nominations to this sub-committee.

Amendments to Rules, Resolutions and Floor Resolutions carried at Annual Conference 1998

ELOOR RESOLUTION-A. Buick (West London) & V. Vanni (Glasgow): "Rule amendments 2, 3, 6, 8, 11 and 12 be treated as motions and not as amendments to Rule." Carried 10-1

MOTION: "That access to the list of Party Members be decided by the EC" (Clapham). Carried 89-21

FLOOR RESOLUTION-T. Kilgallon (North East) & C. Begley (Central London): "The front page of the Standard also carry the subtitle 'Companion Party of the World Socialist Movement'." Carried 15-1

MOTION "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" Carried 105-17

AMENDMENT TO RULE 1: ".Amend Rule 1 by deleting '£2' and inserting '£3'." Carried 84-37

AMENDMENT TO RULE 2: "Insert between 'amount' and 'collected' the words: 'of dues', add at the end 'each calendar quarter'." Carried 71-36.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 3: ".Add new sentence 'An Overseas group be established for members joining from other countries until they can form Companion Parties of their own'." Carried 71-35.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 27: "Insert after 'political office' the words 'in a single-member constituency'. Add new sentence at end: 'In multi-member constituencies at least one of the candidates shall have passed the Speakers' Test' " Carried 73-35

AMENDMENT TO RULE 28: "Delete all from the first word 'election' to 'and that' (inclusive), so that Rule 28 would read: 'Any constituent may sign the nomination paper'." Carried 82-19.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 22: [To read] "Candidates elected to a political office shall be pledged to act on the instructions of their branches locally, and the Executive Committee nationally'." Carried 85-21

FLOOR RESOLUTION-P. Lawrence & P. Hart (Clapham): "That the EC be recommended to once again put the Party's objections to the article 'Stop this Madness' to the BDS. urging them to fully address the points which they have so far failed to answer via a delegate if possible." Carried 9-8

FLOOR RESOLUTION-R. Best (Lancaster) & H. McLaughlin (Manchester): "That the Conference instructs the EC to write once more to the BDS putting the Party's objection to the article 'Stop this madness' urging them to fully address in a written reply the points which they' have so far failed to answer." Carried 15-1.

MOTION: "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." Carried 86-28.

FLOOR RESOLUTION-P. Lawrence & P.Hart (Clapham): "That the amount of £200 [for Head Office expenses] be continued." Carried 10-1.

MOTION: "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." Carried 85-25.

MOTION: "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." Carried 77-35.

FLOOR RESOLUTION-P. Lawrence (Clapham) & P. Shannon (Lancaster): "The branches be requested to send in their responses to the Audit Committee's report within two months." Carried 14-0.

FLOOR RESOLUTION: P. Lawrence & C. Evans (Clapham): "That the EC be recommended to set up a Committee to prepare a report, or a collection of discussion papers, and recommendations on how best the Party could adapt its organisation." Carried 12-0.

FLOOR RESOLUTION: P. Lawrence (Clapham) & T. Kilgallon (North East): "To invite branches to make responses to the paper on Conference procedures within two months, these responses to be offered back to ADM 1998." Carried 12-0.

MOTION: "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." Carried 62-40

Motion 9-Vote 42: "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" (Enfield & Haringey). Carried 69-42.

FLOOR RESOLUTION-A. Buick & M. Browne (West London): "That this Conference recommends that the EC call for nominations for a delegation to visit the comrades in The Gambia as soon as possible." Carried 15-0

A. Buick (West London) P. Lawrence (Clapham) "Formally moves that the price of the Socialist Standard be increased to £1." Carried 8-7.

S. Coleman & C. Begley (Central London): "That the idea of an introductory Socialist Standard be passed to the EC for them to consider it." Carried 11-3.

Amendments to Rule and Resolutions carried at Annual Conference 1997

RULES:

Rule 2: The following sentence to be removed: "Members of 65 years and over being under no further obligation to pay dues." Carried 65 to 45.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. "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." Carried 63 to 36.
2. "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." Carried 55 to 51.
3. "Members of Central Branch shall automatically receive Conference and ADM reports but EC minutes be sent only to those members who specifically request it." Carried 72 to 36.
4. "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." Carried 69 to 35.
5. "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." Carried 89 to 21.
6. "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." Carried 59 to 50.

FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

1. "That this Conference generally approves of the suggestions of Islington's Item for Discussion and urges London branches, initially to co-operate informally towards giving effect to the proposals made." Carried 15-0. (For information only.)
2. "This Conference recommends that the EC give urgent consideration to section 4 of the Interim Audit Committee report." Carried 13-0.
3. "This Conference welcomes the interim Audit Report and endorses the proposal in item 5.1 that the Audit Committee should continue its work along lines decided by the Committee." Carried 13-1.

The Socialist Party of Great Britain **Amendments to Rule and Motions and FI Annual Conference 1996**

Amendment to Rule

Rule 27a: "Any Branch proposing to contest elections, National, European or Local, shall first obtain permission from the Executive Committee. The EC shall only grant permission to those branches who have carried out Conference decisions appertaining to electoral activity."

Motions

1. "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."

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."

3. "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 lie in socialist principles and ideas."

4. "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."

5 "That this conference instructs the EC to raise the selling price of the *Socialist Standard* to 70p."

"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."

Floor resolutions

E. Goodman and V. Littlemore (West London): "That the EC ask the Editorial Committee to investigate the possibility of having an annual 'international' issue of the *Socialist Standard* carrying articles from each Companion party." Carried 17-0.

P. Bennett (Manchester) and S. Wigley (Lancaster): "This Conference recommends that the EC report to each Conference/ ADM on the steps taken to implement instructed resolutions and floor resolutions carried at the proceeding ADM/Conference." Carried 22-0.

B. Johnson and A. Price (Central): "This Conference recommends that the EC reach an early decision on the new pamphlet title for the old 'Questions of the Day' at their next meeting." Carried 12-1.

R. Cox and K. Scholey (Islington): "This Conference recommends the EC to set up an ad-hoc committee to investigate what needs to be done to successfully re-launch the half-yearly World Socialist journal and to fully consult with our companion parties about how they might contribute to this project. This ad-hoc committee should aim to deliver its report to the 1996 ADM so that publication of the journal might commence in 1997." Carried 10-9.

Gareth Thomas (Clapham) and B. Johnson (Central): "That this Conference regrets that only one EC member was present at the morning session up to 12.15 p.m. of the Saturday of the 1996 Conference and would want to know why other EC members were not present." Carried 17-0.

Resolutions carried at 1995 Annual Conference

Instructed resolutions

1. This Conference supports any lawful action to protect the legal identity and funds of the Socialist party of Great Britain. 117-28
2. We will consult our Companion Parties when considering accepting a further Companion Party. 141-3
3. That a Branch directory giving the times and places of all branch meetings shall appear in every issue of the Socialist Standard if practicable. 78-38
4. 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. 134-15
5. 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. 127-13

Amendments to Rule

6. Rule 8 amended to make Form C annual rather than 6-monthly.
7. Rule 12 amended to require a ballot for EC vacancies only where more candidates than places to fill.
8. Rule 17 amended to remove requirement that EC appoint all Party speakers in debates.
9. Rule 22 amended to provide for Central Branch to be represented at conference by delegates.
10. Rule 23 amended to allow 6 or more Central Branch members to place items on the Conference agenda.
11. Rule 23 amended to permit branch members to vote, at the special branch meeting to consider Conference agenda, in writing as well as in person.

Floor Resolutions

12. Delegates at the Annual Conference, 1995, of the Socialist Party of Great Britain offer an enthusiastic welcome to the World Socialist party (India) into the World Socialist Movement. 20-0
13. That we now have a special collection, separate from the normal collection to defray costs of the hall hire; the proceeds of this special collection to be sent to our comrades in India. 17-0
14. This Conference recommends the EC to consult Companion Parties about a suitable mechanism for welcoming new Companion Parties into the World Socialist Movement. 15-1