

REPORT ON A MEETING OF EX-L.C.G. MEMBERS, ON 30-8-1981.

1) At the final lcg conference which voted for a fusion with BF, it was agreed that ex-members would try to meet again within 3-6 months to talk about the fusion. Ten months had passed since then but this was our first meeting. Cdes present were: S Robinson, J Moss, H Stone, (London) T Sheen (YORK) and C Marshall (Norwich). Other BF members were unfortunately missing: GG (Surrey), IG (lancs) & TG (Middlesboro'), another Cde was last heard of in Mozambique. We talked briefly about the problems of isolated members, and those in small branches, a contribution on this is being prepared by a Cde in Herts. BF. Two LCGers had left BF, both with criticisms of a lack of any cohesive politics. None of the X 5 Cdes who hadn't joined BF were present and we felt it might be useful to meet them again sometime.

2) The five Cdes present had all participated at the meeting called by B Roberts on 29-8-81 and felt encouraged by the debate, a report should be in a DB, which we felt went some way to answering the criticisms made of BF, and avoided the problems of the "pro-Labour Party entry" and the "Mass politics" tendencies.

3) We briefly discussed international work. A report of the international contacts which the LCG had had was made to the BF International Commission. Our main concern was that we felt that BF should develop a relationship with the LCG's sister organisation in France: the Libertarian Communist Workers Union (UTCL). We felt BF had little in common with the french participant in the International Co-ordination: the OCT, and that it might have more in common with a split from the OCT a paper called Partis Pris and /or the UTCL.

4) Finally there was a hurried discussion of education and organisation in BF which made the following points:

- * the need for a clearer relationship between practice and theory.
- * the need for a programme which might encourage relevant debate and education on BF's prioritised activities and strategies.

APOLOGIES for these rather sketchy minutes, the discussion was rather disjointed and hurried- and we all felt tired from the Summer School. We all agreed however that the fusion had been a success, and felt confident about our future in BF.

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