

1. New National Executive Committee

- a) The expenses of running PEOPLE had to be moved from the private finance of its founders and if careful accounting proved that was not financially viable then this would have to be made clear to the membership.
- b) Clive Lord was appointed National Secretary.
- c) Lesley Whittaker will act as Party Treasurer.
- d) Ben Percy-Davis responsible for fund raising.
- e) Michael Benfield direction of Election Strategy.
- f) Peter Allen responsible for Policy Formulation.
- g) Tony Whittaker Chairman and front line spokesman.

2. N.E.C. decided that the Manifesto should be updated on an annual basis. There were two aspects of this: firstly, there was the short term statement required for political purposes at elections and secondly there was a need for a statement of long term objectives. A document in two parts was recommended and Peter Allen undertook the production of this document. Peter Allen undertook to write to all those attending the June Conference to enquire their views on the updating of the Manifesto.

3. Liverpool to be asked to organise a conference with the object of reviewing policy and receiving interim reports on the updating of the Manifesto, and also discussing the methods whereby such updating should be achieved.

4. Publication of Manifesto. 500 copies of the Manifesto are being printed and will be available for sale at minimum price 50p per copy.

5. The N.E.C. needs its own rules. The annual Party Conference also needed basic rules of procedure, also the Area Groups require their own structures.

6. Meetings of Area Organisers. It was decided that Area Organisers are to have meetings on a quarterly basis, rotating round the Country, with a different group responsible for the organisation of the meeting each time.

7. Information Officer. With the Party's present resources the appointment of such a person is out of the question. Clive Lord said that he would welcome assistance with drafting the literature for replying to enquiries. Anyone able to give this assistance please contact Clive Lord. He requests help with updating 2 leaflets, with a view to printing :

- 1) Linking need for change to everyday problems.
- 2) Intended as a follow up, general enquiries, setting out PEOPLES view of a stable society and our policies. Copies of the provisional literature can be sent to anyone willing to help. New ideas are of course welcome provided they have been tested "in the field" and have shown good results. Special expertise or credentials are not essential, but welcome. Write to C.R.Lord 44 Upper Batley Low Lane, Batley. Yorks.

9. The following have asked PEOPLE to pass on information:

Rising Free Bookshop (Community Action, libertarian struggle alternative work etc)
197 Kings Cross Rd. London W.C.1 01-837-0182

The Public Library ("Atool for political activists") 197 etc as above.

Feminist Books P.O. Box HP5 Leeds LS6 1LN

Index (Writers against censorship) 35 Bow St. W.C.2R 7AU

Hot News 9 Sutherland Ave W.9.

People's News Service (Sit-ins etc) 119 Railton Rd., S.E.24.

C.N.D. 14 Gray's Inn Rd. W.C.1.

EDITORIAL.

QUO VADIS ?

Well, where are you going? and, more to the point, what are you doing to make sure you get there?

In recent weeks we've seen more and more clearly the dilemma in which our present leaders(?) find themselves. Recognising that they have lost their way, and ours, there have been calls from all sides for coalitions and Governments of national unity. Splendid! We've even heard proposals with regard to energy and resource conservation and of provisions being made to cope with anticipated high unemployment in the next 12 months.

"Ah" I hear someone say "now we can relax. At last they've seen the light and are starting to do something about the problems we've foreseen" Pity that poor fool, for how can anyone handle a situation in which they do not understand the basics?

So is it time for us to pack up and go home? or must we now redouble our efforts,

clear our minds and adopt fresh resolve to ensure that our small voice does not go unheard?

Is it indeed too late to prevent our society from plunging over the abyss? Perhaps we should decide to "cut and run" - find somewhere else to save our skins. But where? Throughout the world uncertainty, indecision, economic failures and social upheaval are more in evidence than ever before. Almost daily the situation worsens. America, China, Ethiopia, Italy, France, Chile, Argentina, Australia - you could go on and on.

Are we then forced to stay and face the music whether we like it or not? If so we'd better do something about our position and condition to be able to face it pretty damn quick.

So where are **YOU** going? Quite clearly the time has come for everyone to decide and, having done so to speak out loudly and clearly and with conviction.

Ask your friends and neighbours and relatives where they are going? Don't accept mish mash answers, but don't expect to win anyone over unless you can put the basics across to them.

When you've done that you'll find they'll be with you and if we're going in the same direction we stand some sort of a chance of success.

Ignore the quaint glances and cries of crank. Stand up and take your place in your community as a leader with foresight, courage and determination.

But do it now.

N.B. Items of interest. Questions or points of view for inclusion in this newsletter should be sent to National Communications Officer. K. Michael Benfield. New Buildings. Trinity Street. COVENTRY.

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