

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING Held at the Essex Revolutionary Festival on Wed 12th Feb, the NC decided that RSSF should continue to be active in solidarity with LSE comrades. LSE comrades gave a report and lengthy discussions took place. It is hoped that RSSF will be able to sponsor a meeting on LSE in the next fortnight- details later. The RSSF National Demonstration was discussed at length, and was generally felt to have marked a significant advance in the conception of demonstrations, though some comrades felt that it was just another march through London's streets. A decision in principle was taken that in future planning for such demonstrations should be done on the basis of proposed strategy which should then be put to mass meetings of all demonstrators immediately before the actual demonstration. In this way, the strategy and specific tactical manoeuvres could become the collective knowledge of all participants. It was also decided that the next NC should put the question of the nature of the National Conference in Manchester on the top of the agenda. (See item below) Financial investment in support operations for LSE had been high and very productive. Money is needed badly, so join in with other groups and base units who are asking for more membership cards and sending in money. The NC discussed a three week perspective of events, which concerns LSE, the Squatters campaigns, Powell in London, Nixon's visit, the workers day of action against the new Anti Trade Union White Paper, and Ireland. The diary is given below.

<u>Mon 17th</u>	University Coll, London against Powell (See below)
<u>Tues</u>	Bow St Sit Down- postponed till March 11th,
<u>Fri 21st</u>	LSE High Court injunctions, Strand Courts- action. Squatters march on Centropoint Sky-Scraper, London.
<u>Sat 22nd</u>	Two days, RSSF Conference "Red Minorities in Techs etc"
<u>Sun 23rd</u>	Round House , night for LSE, The Who, Small Faces etc.
<u>Mon 24th</u>	Ireland- lectures- local actions - any information?
<u>Mon 24th</u>	Nixon in London- planning meetings under way (below)
<u>Tues</u>	" " " Coyrts cases from Rhodesia Demo, Bow St.
<u>Wed</u>	" " "
<u>Thurs 25th</u>	Workers against Castle, RSSF solidarity actions (below)
<u>Sat. March 1st.</u>	N.C. Manchester. RSSF Science Conference, Manchester.
<u>Mon 9th</u>	B.V.S.F. Vietnam Demo.
<u>Sun 16th</u>	VSC Vietnam demo.
<u>Sat 22nd</u>	RSSF National Conference in Manchester.
<u>Sun 23rd</u>	

N.B. This diary is by no means complete- groups knowing of actions etc should report quickly for next newsheet, or undertake own distributions to base units. Also, concern was expressed at the NC about the situation in London Docks- watching brief for all base units?

CONFERENCES OF INTEREST. Workers Control Conference, including discussions on Student sector, Sheffield, 29th and 20th March. National Convention of the Left, Fri evening 27th April, to Sun 29th, St. Pancras Town Hall, sponsored by May Day Manifesto.

LSE- brief report. Firstly, solidarity action in Red Bases has not stopped yet; Manchester comrades at the NC reported that they might take direct action if their VC does not condemn Adams of LSE. Northern comrades keep in touch, phone 061-AND-4334.

LSE comrades are planning a victory march back into LSE when it opens on Wednesday. They will assemble at Lincoln's Inn Fields at 10-0 a.m. Paper chains and gates are likely to be paraded, and a mass meeting has been planned for Wednesday afternoon to discuss future action and the pursuit of their demands. RSSF Office will be in contact, and LSE should be contactable via 01-405-6559 from Wednesday. Campaigns against the injunctions, on Fri 21st, and against the arrests and charges laid on closure day/night, now postponed to March 11th, and against internal disciplinary measures will keep the political scene lively. LSE comrades are being encouraged to put pen to paper on their struggle for distribution, and the RSSF is hoping to sponsor a meeting to discuss the events, lessons, etc in an atmosphere conducive to learning. Nick Bateson, one of the victimised lecturers, met the disciplinary committee on Saturday. Comrades might like to be reminded of a piece which appeared in Express, 10th Feb. It stated that Vacation grants for LSE students might not be available if the school remains open during the vac. to make up full term. Also Sir William Alexander, stated, somewhat revealingly, "The situation is no different from a strike really. There's no question of authority handing out more money to them. Thus continues the slow development of the bourgeois' consciousness that the student struggles are class struggles. See also several Times editorials! Also, Dr. Percy Cohen, Dean of Undergrad Studies at LSE, was difficult to find. A woman at his phone number is reported by the Guardian of 10th Feb as having said, "This is the wrong number, and Dr Percy Cohen, for some reason best known to himself, is unobtainable!" LSE comrades should be wary of official language in future- close scrutiny is the motto!

POWELL at University College. Powell, invited by U.C. Tories, is being hidden from the (socialist) public, and will speak at a carefully concealed location on Monday. UC is holding a Teach-In on Monday evening at Friends Meeting House, Euston Rd 7-Op.n. V.C. Anan has conceded closure of lectures etc, Demonstration after Teach-In, and attempts being made to discover location of Powell's "speech". Be prepared to be mobile- all RSSF welcome etc.

NIXON VISIT. All groups meeting to plan demo etc Monday 17th, at 8-30 p.m. at Small Hall, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn. National level support anticipated. Information of details of itinerary still needed. If you have friends in high places, journalists etc, make friendly overtures instantly, and send in reports. Lots of big-wigs will no doubt be attending a mass eat-in in London during the three days. Rumour that Claridges, near to US Embassy, will house the Nixon entourage. Newspaper reports "Not more than 100 Secret Service men armed with .38 Smith and Wesson revolvers will be accompanying Nixon. They will wear little coloured badges in their lapels for identification!" "Computers will search through information on 50,000 suspected assassins, and there are files in Washington on 138,000 people who are believed to want to kill him. A six ton bullet-proof car will be brought in from US to protect the popular President. RSSF might suggest that Nixon meets the people in person- after all, the majority voted for him, so he should be safe if their democracy is valid. Details will be circulated as soon as possible- background and analysis needed for full political appreciation of Nixon. European comrades are already working hard on welcome plans. VSC suggests that "small, spectacular actions should not be ruled out!"

WORKERS PICKET/LOBBY AGAINST GOV LAWS. Thrus 27th, one day strikes in various parts of the country, picket of TUC conferences of Executives at Croydon, then Parliamentary Lobby, meeting between workers and students under discussion by RSSF, possible location LSE. See enclosed sheet.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE and NATIONAL CONFERENCE. The next national committee meeting will be in Manchester, on March 1st, in the University Union building, starting at 11-0 a.m. The main agenda item will be the nature of the National Conference, which will be in Manchester on Sat and Sun 22nd and 23rd March. Accommodation will need to be organised; comrades in colleges near to Manchester might like to offer accommodation to Manchester organisers, C/O Asim Shah, Tower 17-13 Owens Park, Wilmslow Rd., Manchester 14. Comrades at the 1st NC suggested that the conference should discuss the nature of demonstrations, their utility etc, our attitudes towards bourgeois justice, the manifesto and constitution, and problems of red base strategy. These are only suggestions so far. The March 1st meeting should be able to decide an agenda which will be put to the conference on the first day for approval, amendment etc. It has been suggested that six sessions should be possible within the two days. The NC has been asked to discuss the relative merits of the 9th and 16th March Vietnam demos. OMISSION. A Vietnam demonstration is being organised by Shop Stewards from Shardlow's works in Sheffield. There will be a march on March 1st starting at 2-30 p.m. calling for an end to British complicity. Contacts via P. Kelemen, 16c Endcliffe Cres, Sheffield 11. Manchester will be sending a coach in support. Wide support is expected.

LSE Newspaper. Copies of the CADEMIC THUG are enclosed. This is a special paper produced for LSE students by Soc Soc members. It is available in bulk from LSE Information Desk, Room 2b, University of London Union, Mallet St, WCL. Cost is 4d-6d per copy. If funds come in, another paper can be produced quite soon. Information after Wednesday about LSE can be had from the Graduate Students Association, LSE., Houghton St., London WCL.

THEORETICAL DOCUMENT. Enclosed for base units are small numbers of copies of an article on "Revolutionary Strategy and the Student Movement" by David Fernbach. These are very expensive to produce, but extra copies are available. The larger groups might reproduce enough for seminar group discussions, which should be considering the submission of papers to the National Conference.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION GROUP. Founded at the Essex Festival, this group will be meeting on 2nd March, 3-Op.n. at 16 Feilding Rd. London W14. 01-603-2197.

MANCHESTER SCIENCE CONFERENCE(RSSF) On March 1st and 2nd, several papers already submitted, over 100 comrades already expressed interest, papers of fifteen minutes length required, which can be reprinted if an outline version is submitted in advance. Trade Unions with Scientific members have been contacted. Support from LSE, Loughborough, Imperial, Strathclyde, U.C, London, etc. All information from Science Conf. Sub Committee, Dave Avon, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, Students Union, P.O. Box 88, Sackville St., Manchester 1. Students Union have given a grant to help cover costs.

BASE UNIT REPORTS York facing disciplinary charges resulting from stopping Powell. 25 Sociology Students thrown out for exam failure, being contested. Document has been produced attacking VC etc, another expected- VC said document was an open incitement to violence!

HILL On Fri 31st Jan there was a mass meeting of Soc Soc billed as "Actions and Solidarity with LSE". Over 400 attended, including 50 who came with intention of disrupting the meeting. Meeting supported all the demands of LSE Students. However, although an occupation seemed imminent, a fatal hesitation on the part of militants, imbued with a paralytic sense of caution, allowed the militant mood of the meeting to degenerate into an adjournment to a larger hall where the overflow could be accommodated. THIS WAS A FATAL MISTAKE, SINCE THE TEN MINUTE BREAK GAVE TIME FOR PEOPLE TO RECOVER THEIR TRADITIONAL INHIBITIONS CONCERNING MILITANT ACTION ON A MASS SCALE. Soc Soc completely failed to provide any coherent leadership. The parliamentary Select Committee visited our seat of student unrest,

HULL Contd. (restive but highly disorganised) and provided some entertainment for the militants, who were present in force. However another opportunity for militant action was missed. In the afternoon a demo took place against Elliot Automation recruiters, frustration and ferment still wait for a few revolutionary buggers to put their heads together and work out an offensive strategy. When this happens, Hull authorities will certainly get rough, issuing writs galore etc. What we hope is to be able to create another LSE. What lies beyond is at present one of the great mysteries of our student movement, and even LSE do not seem to have grappled with it yet. FACTS-Petition signed by 168 militants, admin block locked up at 1-Op.m. Friday, all lecture rooms locked from inside, VC refused to see deputation, "...Note The writ against Fawthrop comes clean about the precise status of univ. authos. It reads, "The Plaintiffs are and were at all times the owners in possession of land and premises known as the University of Hull.." MANCHESTER. The most important political activity this term has been on the issue of exams. A motion was passed, overwhelmingly at a meeting of 800 people last term demanding reforms of exams. The Soc Soc however were very slow to organise action in the departments and only in politics and modern history were demands formulated and a campaign launched. At the beginning of term 25 out of 29 in the first year P.M.H boycotted their terminal exams. These students were however forced to take the exams in the week of 20th Jan under threat of being sent down. The EGM of 23rd Jan decided to ballot the univ membership. Three pamphlets were produced. The ballot was lost by 2400 to 1600, on a 55% poll. A meeting of 150 people on 29th demanded that the VC condemn Adams. Action still possible. IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON. Study of Governors business connections being undertaken. CAMBRIDGE A provocative assessment of the Cambridge sit-in has been produced called, The Bask St Kids Go To The Sit-In. Its themes are articulated through Bob Dylan theses. Copies from G. Brechley, C/O A. Reid, K6, Caius College.

INFORMATION. Agit-Prop are now producing an impressive bulletin, from 6 Southcote Rd. London N19, 01-607-0155. Columbia Film, and critical assessment of the October 27th March available from R. Hammerschlag, 10 Downside Cres, London NW3. "East Red- The Spring Offensive" is a leaflet for East Anglia produced by Cambridge RSSF, to end the isolation and fragmentation of East Anglian Left. Bulk Order Lenin, Mao, Marx etc still available through D. Fernbach, C/O RSSF Centre- reductions of 25% - Marx/Engels Selected works available. Copies of Oxford Documents on Ideological Struggles, attacks on PPE etc for local reproduction from Trevor Pateman, 3 Bayham St., Camden Town, London NW1. Bristol held a conference on 8th/9th Feb on Strategy in Higher Educ, and hope to produce magazine called, "Open Conspiracy". Enfield Comrades have asked if anyone knows anything about an organisation called, "International Student Marketing Limited", which specialises in trips to USA. Workers Control Institute have published extracts from Gramsci on Workers Control and Revolution, available from 91 Goldsmith St. Nottingham, price 1/-. Leicester RSSF producing magazine called, GADRE, from Leics RSSF adress. SUSSEX have magazine called, ESCALATE, from P.Hirst, 1 Charlotte St. Brighton.

NEWSPAPER CUTS Guildford have organised lectures by sacked teachers with Union money to pay fees, Mirror Feb 14th. Madame Nguyen Thi Binh will be granted visa to visit UK at CND invite, Telegraph, 14th Feb. Commander Ferguson Smith Head of UK Special Branch, (anyone know him?) is in charge of Nixon visit, Express 14th. Max Beloff, on NUS, "The NUS is far more valuable when it confines itself to organising cheap holidays ... Evening News, 13th." American FBI detectives and agents of the CIA are being sent to Scotland Yard to learn the art of street gun-fighting. The aim is to teach them how to avoid hitting passers by during a running gun battle! Comrades, please, in future wear badges saying, Passer-By. Daily Mail, Feb 10th. University of Strathclyde got special Times supplement on Tues 11th Feb. Surely an union can be gleaned, and ideology uncovered for distribution. Julian Collier, 23, Leeds Student, returned his Duke of Edinburgh medal to Buckingham Palace because the Duke said medal holders would never be involved in protests. Telegraph, 11th Feb.