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LABOUR—TAKE THE POWER!

In the past year there has finally been a realisation amongst people involved in Briefing that finance is political.At several times it has been necessary to report to the national editorial board that we would not be able to publish if monies from the sale of the supplement were not immediately paid in.This finally resulted in a finance commitee being established to discuss both funding and organisation.

A) Funding - As an immediate measure, targets were set for all the groups with a deadline by which the money had to be found.The longer term strategy was in three parts.That is - a) The issuing of supporters cards,with half of the money raised being sent to the national supplement by the groups,b) A target of at least £150 in advertising for any one month,& c) A target of at least £200 in standing orders per month.It was felt that supporters cards and standing orders would cater for comrades with different levels of commitment to the organisation.

So far the response to these measures has been fair,but it has not been at a level to secure let alone expand the work of Briefing.We have now reached over £90 in standing orders,but this should be at least twice this amount.

This should prove to be no problem if we are all here today commited to building Briefing.Indeed there has never been a time when it was been needed more,with Kinnock preparing to 'sell out' on many of the policies we have won over the last few years.Briefing must be in the forefront of the battle to firmly commit a future Labour government to socialist policies.TO DO THIS WE NEED A NATIONAL VOICE,to organise across the local,regional and national boudaries on a socialist program for government.FOR THIS WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT BOTH POLITICALLY AND FINANCIALLY.

B) ORGANISATION - The Miners' strike has meant that not only Miners have been radicalised,but a substantial layer of both the Labour movement and groups of people,not traditionally involved in industrial struggles, have been mobilised in a way we have not seen in our lifetime .For many of these people,who have seen the recent class war and have organised and mobilised support,Briefing can and must become their natural political home.

Over the next year we are therefore setting a target of doubling our sales of Briefing .We must establish groups where they do not exist if we intend to be trully national.For example we have no groups or sellers in NEWCASTLE,DURHAM,MANCHESTER,DERBY,N.WALES & OXFORD.

Brighton Labour Briefing can ably show us what can be achieved if the political will is there.We should all now resolve to build Briefing.

Mick McKeever

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1. INCOME -
Income up to 13th July 1985 - £4337.82p

2. EXPENDITURE -

DATE	AMMOUNT	CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION
1984			
11th OCT	600.00	534758	WERNHAMS (Printers)
26th OCT	5.00	534762	Youth Briefing
31st OCT	300.00	534759	Wernhams
"	6.00	534761	Y.B.
7th NOV	14.37	534760	Report (Photos)
20th NOV	160.00	534764	Wernhams
21st NOV	90.00	534765	"
7th DEC	140.00	534766	"
17th DEC	6.67	534767	Dag & Bark Link (Copying)
1985			
9th JAN	160.00	534768	Wernhams
9th JAN	80.00	534769	"
16th JAN	50.00	534770	"
17th JAN	10.00	534763	Tribune (Ad)
4th FEB	175.00	534771	Wernhams
8th FEB	50.00	534772	"
14th FEB	40.00	534773	"
14th FEB	10.00	534774	Tele & Stat
20th FEB	38.00	534775	Wernhams
21st FEB	62.00	534776	"
28th FEB	130.00	534777	"
6th MAR	230.00	534778	"
13th MAR	180.00	534779	"
18th MAR	200.00	534780	"
26th MAR	80.00	534781	"
9th MAY	209.00	534786	"
16th MAR	80.00	534781	"
9th APR	20.00	534783	Y.B.
12th APR	148.70	534784	Wernhams
30th APR	92.00	534785	Wernhams
9th MAY	209.00	534786	"
15th MAY	210.00	534787	"
30th MAY	130.00	534789	"
25th JUN	170.00	534791	"
12th JUL	240.00	534792	"

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 4325.74 (Excl. bank charges)
WERNHAMS - £4253.70p
MISC. - £72.04p
BANK CHARGES 10.58p
CASH IN BANK 13th JULY 1985 - £1.50p

3. COSTS -

MONTH	ISSUE NO.	COST
OCT 84	11	£685.00
NOV "	12	£685.00
DEC "	13	£685.00
FEB 85	14	£685.00
MAR "	15	£550.00
APR "	16	£550.00
MAY "	17	£560.00
JUN "	18	£560.00
JUL "	19	£495.00
AUG "	20	£495.00
	TOTAL	£5950.00
APPROXIMATE DEBT (INCL. AUG)	-	£1833.00

The type-setting is paid for by London Labour Briefing and then taken of their monthly bill for national supplements.The figure does vary however,but we keep this at £250 per issue.

4. DEBTORS & SALES (Includes the August issue)

GROUP/SELLER	NO. OF COPIES	DEBT (£)
LONDON	2650	£831.50
BRIGHTON	350	£80.30
S.WALES	300	287.00
BIRMINGHAM	200	88.00
MERSEYSIDE	0-400	
SOUTHAMPTON	100	44.00
DEVON	80	17.60
PRESTON	50	11.00
COVENTRY	50	33.00
NOTTINGHAM	40	26.40
LEEDS	40	23.00
SCOTLAND	30	6.60
MIDDLESBROUGH	20	4 40
STH.HUMBERSIDE	12	5.28
Totals	3922 - 4322	1458.08