

30th April, 1963.

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Hartburn,

Stockton-on-Tees  
Co. Durham.

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Dear Comrades,

Thank you very much for recent issues of Direct Action (including extra copies). I am very sorry to hear of all the problems that attended removal of the press and hope the physical difficulties at least have now been overcome.

I enclose my cheque for £2-2-8, made up as follows:

4 extra copies Direct Action, x 2 issues. 0-2-8  
Advance Contributions - 2-0-0.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the conference planned for this weekend, due to problems

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of time and distance. Please accept my apologies for absence and my best wishes for a successful and productive conference.

I would like to take this opportunity of setting down one or two thoughts prompted by the headings suggested for the Agenda.

Policy. I look forward with great interest to the issue of a policy statement by the Conference, but hope that such a statement will not attempt to describe long-term policy and objectives in too much detail. We have a tremendous amount of work to do before we can contemplate the possibility of long term policies being implemented, and it would be

a set-back in <sup>3</sup> this work if too much internal controversy developed around points of detail that, for the time being here and now, are largely academic anyway. Details of short-term policy must be worked out, but on a long-term basis I think room must be left for flexibility to accommodate changing social and technological conditions

Activity A personal note here. I belong to a small trade union (Asscn. of Building Technicians) and the nearest branch meets 26 miles away. This makes it difficult to play an active part in Union affairs, and my contacts with trades unionists are limited to personal contacts in Stockton. I do not have any communications with the T.V. movement at a point at which I

can try and influence T.V. policy.

I do not know if many other comrades face the same problem, but if so I think it would be worth while to spend some time discussing our communication with members of the T.V. movement.

Organisation

I would welcome and support organisational arrangements that would enable me to meet and discuss things with other comrades. I have been unable to overcome the difficulty of distance for this weekend, but would gladly support any proposals for occasional regional conferences\* to be held outside London. (\* or weekend or day schools)

With every good wish

Larry Farrow