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18 February 1992

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Dear Member/Supporter,

The Week-end events which saw the Party President Proinsias De Rossa and the Vice President Seamus Lynch being defeated by 9 votes has necessitated the holding of an Emergency Consultative Meeting.

In their attempt to reform and to once and for all clear up the image of the Workers' Party, they received 64% support of the delegates. However, as a two third majority was necessary the vote was lost by 9 votes.

After working for nineteen years to build a party that we could be proud of, the events of the week-end has left a dark cloud over both of the issues that were of fundamental importance and for which clarity was required.

They are;

1. That we the members do not support or condone in any way a group known as the Official I.R.A.
2. That we do not support the Marxist Leninist party organisation known as Democratic Centralism.

Sadly, a minority of delegates, the bulk of them from Northern Ireland, could not support Proinsias.

However, as the majority of the delegates, 241 in all, have clearly stood by him and his policies, he has a predicament which he must address! What is the new political direction to be for him and for us?

It is clear that this week-end will be important as a special Central Executive Committee meeting is to be held next Saturday at which fundamental decisions will have to be taken.

Therefore, I would like to hear your views before this Saturday meeting. I am calling a meeting to be held at the Walkinstown Library (annexe) on Friday 23rd. February at 7.30Pm to 8.30PM. Your presence and contributions will be very valued.

Sincerely yours,

Cllr. Eric Byrne.T.D.