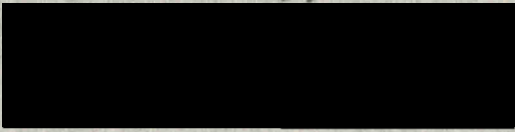


May 26th 1939

Mr. P.D. Carey,



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Extreme pressure of work (non-League rather than League) has hitherto prevented me from writing the long letter on aspects of the Provisional National Executive's activities which I have been intending to send to you since the Executive's last meeting. The Whit break, however, will give me an opportunity of initiating an exchange of views with you and other Provincial Hon. Secretaries and then of preparigg the ground for the next Conference.

The immediate purpose of this letter is to seek your opinion as to whether the date of the Conference could be postponed for one week, if not two, without undue inconvenience to your Council or its delegates. The London Council is so preoccupied at present with its own immediate financial problem that for the bulk of its members the affairs of the National Executive must for the time being take second place. So far, the response to our appeal for funds has been very unsatisfactory and for that reason any contribution our delegates could make to a discussion on topics such as National Publicity and National Finance would essentially have to be subject to important qualifications.

An intensified drive is being make in the next couple of weeks, however, and we are still hopeful of reasonably good results. Meanwhile, Messrs Long, Fitzgerald and myself feel that postponement of the Executive meeting until June 11th would place us in a better position to discuss schemes for future development of the Organisation, but we are ready of course to fall in with the majority view.

One argument, I agree, against postponement of the meeting is that it would delay agreement as to remuneration of the Organis

appointed by the Manchester and Liverpool Councils respectively. This difficulty, however, could be overcome by our making an initial advance to the respective Councils to cover salary and expenses for a limited period, a course which I have in fact adopted in the case of Liverpool after consultation with the Joint Hon. Treasurers and the Chairman.

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Hon. Secretary,

Provisional National Executive.