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It was the Political Committee that in practice functioned as the main directive body within the party, usually meeting at least weekly.'

- Professor Kevin Morgan

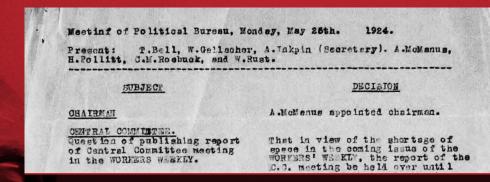
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The Political Committee was the successor of the Political Bureau, an institution inspired by the Soviet Union's decision-making body of the same name

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MINUTES OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING 8th April, 1991.

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to have a separate document for Scotland; to include a piece on - local income tax; black politics;

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personal papers of key figures within the

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