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TO ALL MEMBERS & AFFILIATES.

9th January, 1985.

Dear Colleagues,

I realise that it has been some time since I, as Secretary of S.D.A.G. have been in contact with you. Unfortunately, pressure and problems within my own Union have severely restricted my ability to carry out efficiently the work of S.D.A.G. However, the National Committee have met on a number of occasions, and we have been able to carry out some activities in the name of S.D.A.G.

Contained in this envelope, are a number of items which is for your information, and action, in the hope that in 1985 we can create a much more viable Organisation, and to make our voice heard much more effectively in the Political Field.

It wont be long now before Constituency Labour Parties will be discussing Resolutions for this years Annual Conference. We hope to hold a fringe meeting in Bournemouth during the Labour Party Conference to spell out why S.D.A.G. has been formed, and where we need to see more awareness within the Labour Movement, on the problems of people with disabilities, and their continuing struggle to be integrated and properly considered within the Community.

At last years Conference, a Composite Motion was placed on the Agenda, but was not reached, I enclose a copy for your information and the hope that you can get your Constituency Party to, either put this Composite Motion forward with a few alterations, so that it will be listed separately, because if all the Motions are in the same wording, only the name of the Constituencies will be listed, and this will have little effect on getting it on the Agenda to be discussed.

I enclose copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held in July of 1984, along with our Financial statement for that period. You will note that our funds are very small, so may I remind you to submit your contributions for 1985 to, either your Regional Branch Secretary or to this Office, if you do not know your Regional contact. However, I will put a list of Regional contacts at the end of this letter.

I enclose a letter drawn up for all members and affiliates, listing a series of jobs which have to be done, if we are to make S.D.A.G. more efficient, if you find that you can give time to help promote the work of S.D.A.G. and there is any specific job you would be interested in carrying out on our behalf, please let me know as soon as possible, any offers of help will be most gratefully received.

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At the last meeting of the National Committee, it considered a paper received from "The Alliance of the Dispossessed". I enclose this paper, and a letter to members and affiliates for their information and action if necessary.

I received a letter from Bob Findley, a member in Birmingham, enclosing information and an Appeal regarding an Organisation known as " Mineworkers Supporters with Disabilities" if you can give any support in this direction, please make contact with Bob Findley who I presume can be contacted at the Trade Union Resource Centre.

It is important that we get some offers of help, to get S.D.A.G. running properly, and any other ideas that you can put forward to ensure the growth of S.D.A.G. so that our voice can be heard effectively in the Political and Labour Movement generally, would be most welcome, and I sincerely hope that I will hear from you in the very near future.

With all best wishes, I am,

Yours in Unity,

Michael A Barrett

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Secretary.

P.S. London S.D.A.G are calling their next meeting at County Hall, York Road, S.E.1. commencing at 1.45p.m. on Sunday 20th January, 1985 and Jeremy Corbyn MP will be addressing the meeting.