

five European resolutions  
B 6/4.

Secretary of State

MANIFESTO OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS

1. I attach a copy of the above. Labour have supported it with several specified reservations.
2. Points of interest include:
  - a. Theme of "Jobs, Peace and Freedom".
  - b. Long list of spending ideas:
    - co-ordinated reflation (1% of GNP for public investment);
    - more on research;
    - more on industry;
    - 'substantial' increase in ERDF;
    - support for co-ops;
    - 'extended' Social Fund;
    - social training schemes for the young;
    - subsidies for recruitment;
    - 'better financial support' for those staying in full-time education;
    - 'special measures' to create jobs;
    - 'a true Community policy for the Mediterranean products';
    - doubling of the EDF.
  - c. Support for Vredeling plus ('inadequate'), earlier retirement, shorter working week, longer holidays 'etc' (?). Also 'it may be necessary to ask for a show of direct and progressive solidarity on the part of the active population' to help finance these changes.
  - d. Support for enlargement (no Labour disclaimer).
  - e. Qualified support of CAP and CAP reform in terms similar to HMG (no Labour disclaimer).
  - f. Support for new own resources (p 25/26) on same grounds as HMG. Labour disclaimer.

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