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# **THE LOGAN DOSSIER**

**Documentary Evidence and Testimony in the  
August 1979 Trial and Expulsion of Bill Logan  
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to a comrade to be the truth. It was Logan who created the "Aidaire as Bolsheviser" cult. It was he who created the protection racket which prevented criticism of her. Aidaire is certainly guilty of the rather gross abuse of a number of comrades. But I do not believe that she is necessarily irretrievably lost to the revolutionary party.

When Aidaire came to the Spartacist League her revolutionary spirit was motivated in part by a sense of guilt, which was not of her own making, but nonetheless quite real. And I believe that she achieved a certain release from its inner tension by throwing her self-guilt and sense of inadequacy onto others (for example, this was the essence of the way that Anna was made to function). The cycle has now come full and her private hell has more than ample justification for existence. But in her sense of suffering there was also something very human and perhaps, just perhaps, this can be the source of a strength which will allow her to recognise and face up to what has happened.

Joel S.  
7 April 1979

### Appendix: Letter by Logan to Robertson

Melbourne  
6 March 1973

SLUS,  
New York.

Dear Jim,

I'm writing this shortly after speaking to you on the phone. Sorry we haven't kept you better informed on the state of play here, but frankly I've been incredibly busy, mostly with personnel problems—and the organisation's only ten strong! Actually Aidaire has developed extremely well and Joel is absolutely solid so there has been a tightly knit leadership without which we would not have made the progress we have in Australia—three excellent comrades in three weeks.

One problem to which we have devoted more time than I care to remember is the Dave and Vicky problem.

I had known Dave at University in 1970 as an excellent but completely unpolitical academic. I hardly expected to find him "recruited" to what Gager was pleased to call the Spartacist League when we returned, but there he was, recruited on the basis of his support for Bangla Desh in the latter half of 1971. In last year's debate with Gager he eventually came down on our side and accepted SL politics despite some early difficulties on Bangla Desh and guerrilla warfare etc. He has since become highly political and healthily ambitious.

Vicky (with whom he had established a relationship in 1970 and got married early in 1971) was at this stage not interested in politics and starting to resent the organisation's pulling Dave away from her, but after a period apparently started to become interested. When she was given the task of writing an interventional leaflet for a pabloite abortion pop front the product was pretty good.

(Unfortunately it had somewhat the character of a forgery—we now know that Dave was mostly responsible for it.) Vicky was admitted to candidate membership about last June.

In July they moved to Melbourne in fulfillment of longstanding plans for Dave's doctoral study. They proceeded to drift slowly out of the organisation, without being conscious of the fact, and only some highly competent work from New Zealand while I was in Japan, together with my visit here on the way back saved them.

Shortly after Aidaire's arrival Vicky discovered she was pregnant by "mistake". It proved impossible to get her to have an abortion. It became apparent that she had made almost no political development and undertaken no political work independently of David. She went through a period of gross untidiness, disorganisation of her time, lateness for meetings and uncomradeliness of tone, and although she has improved in these regards the improvement is by no means decisive. She sometimes bothers to disguise her attitude of subjective hostility towards Aidaire (who had the abortion arguments with her) in the most transparent political clothing. All this has led to difficulties in creating the necessary esprit de corps here, and has prevented Dave (who has shielded and protected her) from fulfilling his potential role as a part of the leadership, drive for which he has demonstrated by liquidating his academic career. He is slated as one of two alternates on a five-member central committee to be elected at an organisational plenum in about six weeks.

Dave and Vicky—I believe that Vicky *does* want to be political in a sense—have agreed that the only solution is for David to spend a period between now and the birth of the child (August) with the SLUS. This will allow both to develop independent of the other—Vicky in the party Barracks, which will shock her languid petty-bourgeois life-style. Most importantly it should give Dave a training which prepares him very well for work here.

Unfortunately we can't afford to pay a penny towards the project, and he hasn't any money himself, although we have arranged a loan of \$Australian 300 for pocket money. Thank you for agreeing to pay the fare.

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

(i.) The Melbourne-New York fare is \$Australian 652, and the Melbourne-San Francisco fare is \$A521. I think that it might be better for him to get to San Francisco and then see about a cheaper student fare.

(ii.) It is NOT necessary to have a return ticket in order to get a US visa, and I believe there is no saving.

(iii.) We could cash Joel's San-Francisco-Auckland return ticket (presumably half of \$US1099), but devaluation would probably make that a bad move and Joel *will* want to return some day.

(iv.) It is probably best to pay Pan Am or some such firm in New York and they can telex instructions for it to be issued to *David S* at their Melbourne office.

(iv.) Alternatively you could cable money to WK and RA Logans personal bank account (the SLANZ has not yet got a bank account) at the National Bank of Australasia, [address], Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.