

WEST LAMBETH HEALTH AUTHORITY JOINT TRADE UNION COMMITTEE

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Dear Dr. Moberley,

The Lambeth Trade Union Council's nomination to the trade union seat on West Lambeth Health Authority has been rejected! The shock refusal of the Regional Health Authority to accept the TUC nominee - Malcolm Alexander, a Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer from the Institute of Dermatology - has astounded hospital workers, as he was the only nominee put forward by the T.U.C. and is well qualified for the position. Despite strong support for his candidature, a letter from the Regional General Manager, P.H.J. Le Fleming, 'regrets his inability to appoint Malcolm Alexander to the seat in the current round of appointments'.

Enquiries by this Committee have revealed that the seat has been left vacant, but the RHA refused to give reasons for their decision. The wording of the rejection letters makes it clear that M. Alexander has not been barred due to ineligibility.

They are now going to write to the T.U.C. and the M.P.G. (a phoney trade union organism) to seek new nominations for the seat which becomes vacant on October 1st 1987.

The Joint Union Committee is outraged at this interference in its clear and undisputed choice of representative on the D.H.A., which is already weighted in favour of the medical establishment and their ilk. Now even the rudiments of democracy have been undermined and crushed by the heavy hand of P.H.J. Le Fleming.

What are they afraid of?

Workers in Lambeth must have a strong voice on the Health Authority, especially at this time when the Government is engaged in open warfare against the NHS.

Please give your support to our nominee in the following ways:

- 1) Write to P.H.J. Le Fleming, Regional General Manager, S.E.T.R.H.A., Thrift House, Collington Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex TN39 3NG. Express your disgust at this 'outrage against democracy'.

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- 2) Write to Tony Newton, Health Minister, DHSS, Elephant and Castle, London SE1, expressing your reservations about the behaviour of the Regional Health Manager.
- 3) Send copies of correspondence to the Joint Trade Union Committee at St. Thomas's Hospital.

Yours fraternally,

Ron Lynn
Secretary