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Excellent News on the Youth Front

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At the same time as Spaak and his lieutenants were mounting their magnificent campaign of anti-black racism and then aggression in the Congo, the Young Communists [hereafter: J.C.] and the Socialist Young Guards [hereafter: J.G.S.] were organizing their solidarity with their Congolese brothers.

We have stated before: it is a fact that a united front is achieved through action.

In the face of a hardening of the reactionary groups a chaotic movement made up of revolutionaries, sincere socialists, etc., was not enough.

We, young socialists and communists, realized that it was not a time to haggle over our differences. The colonial war continues in the Congo; the ANC [Armée Nationale Congolaise; Congolese National Army], stuffed with Belgian military personnel and directed by them, persists with its shameful massacres. The Congolese patriot movement will certainly triumph over its enemies. But it must be able to count seriously on its brothers in arms in Belgium.

Thus, throughout the country, the JC and JGS should, in their discussions, have as their first consideration the advancing of the young revolutionary front by consolidating it. This front would be able to address itself to the rising generation, asking it to react against the yankee criminals and their Belgian tools.

All this must come about through JOINT MEETINGS and UNITED ACTION!

Serious sparks already...

We know that there are many militant JGS who are concerned with a policy of a united front among the youth.

Thus, without exaggerating their immediate importance, we can note that at Brussels and Liège, for example, many JGS — and JC — sections are seeking contacts, and joint meetings, on the topics of a United Front, the Congo, etc.

These meetings that the JGS and the JC are holding together are the sparks that "will set fire to the whole plain."

The united front should thus build itself up. This idea is already getting through to the young people in the two movements.

Soon the JGS and the JC will together launch a united youth front on a large scale.

Why on a large scale? Because it would be open to all those who want to fight the common enemy: American imperialism and its local representatives, Spaak and Lefèvre. These problems still seem vague. But the latest developments in the "internal" struggle in the PSB [Belgian Socialist Party] facilitate the discussion and putting into practice of the idea of union.

The UJCB [Union des Jeunes Communistes de Belgique; Union of Young Communist Movements in Belgium] will use all its strength to bring about this major aim of the young generation.

The Young Communists prepare for their national conference

On 26 and 27 December 1964 the representatives of the Young Communist organizations of Wallonia, Flanders and Brussels will meet in the capital. The agenda of the National Conference will consist of two main points:

THE SUCCESS OF THE POLICIES LAUNCHED BY YOUTH and A NEW DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

Already, in all sections, discussions are heatedly underway. Whether it be the young workers of Ougrée, or the Schaerbeek section or the comrades in Charleroi, all -- without exception -- have the desire to make their national meeting something extremely positive.

Yes, the young communists are discussing things, sometimes heatedly but always in a spirit of unity. The present discussions underway among the youth are those that will break down certain old ideas of work. The old revisionist and sectarian workhorses are falling.

A new way of working is necessary, and the JC have realized this.

The young comrades are aware that one of the conditions for the success of the policy of a united youth front is a solid and flexible organization of the Communist Youth.

This group has a great responsibility because it is the young communists of today who will become tomorrow's leaders in the Belgian Communist Party.

Thus, the organization of Communist Youth Groups is educating its members in the spirit of scientific socialism.

In addition, the revolutionary youth has decided to be the generation that, along with its brothers throughout the world, will bury capitalism and construct a new society on its ruins.

Thus the dates 26 and 27 December will be very important for the future not only of the JC, but also for that of all our young people.

For this reason we shall speak again of the demands of youth.

We can, nevertheless, foresee that the UJCB will go into 1965 with a new driving force, more revolutionary than ever.

One of the guarantees of this is the conscience and discipline shown by the young workers, students and military people in the UJCB.

On the eve of our national conference we may also look into the past a little...

In October 1963 the revisionist leadership, with Dorismont as its main representative, arbitrarily excluded five JC comrades and "excluded from

the JC" the whole of a section in the Brussels region.

At that time the Khrushchevians thought that this "purification" had buried the Marxist-Leninists as far as the young people were concerned. The "Etterbeek splinter group" could not survive, let alone develop.

The young Marxist-Leninists remained the allies of the Party comrades who staunchly battled against the revisionist Politburo on behalf of Marxism-Leninism.

Some weeks after the "exclusion" of the five comrades, the majority of JC militants in Brussels met in a regional assembly and deposed the regional Committee. A new leadership organization was elected and decided to call a regional conference that would finally allow the JC to discuss the divergencies within the international communist movement. This demonstrated that the young communists, also, rejected the revisionist "solutions."

Since that time the Brussels regional section of the JC has become the avant-garde of the revolutionary youth. This was proved at the time of the strike among the metal workers, the battle for federalism and, above all, in the anti-atom march.

On 19 April 1964 the Extraordinary National Conference was held. JC representatives, disgusted with revisionism, came from the different regions of the country. They approved the disbanding of the National Office and elected a new one. Foundations were laid for a program of youth. Since that day the Union of Communist Youth Groups has been fighting actively on the national level.

The first of May was an additional proof: how many young people were there in the revisionist parade units?

Was it not an editor of "La Cité" who noted that "the young element undoubtedly predominates" in the marxist-leninist ranks?

He who wins the youth, wins the future!

The JC also launched a big solidarity action with the young Congolese. On 13 June, in a communiqué from the National Office, they denounced the "submission of the Lefèvre-Spaak government to American imperialism" and demanded "the immediate withdrawal of all Belgian troops in the Congo, including all sorts of 'pseudo-volunteers', mercenaries and other 'horrors'." At the same time the young Communists worked towards a United Front of Youth by addressing themselves to their closest relatives: the JGS!

The UJCB has never stopped calling on youth to prevent the massacre of young Congolese. A l'Action [To Action], the combat journal of the JC, was distributed in several tens of thousands of copies throughout the country.

Now the National Conference at the end of December is going to set up a schedule of nine months of intense activity.

The comrades are aware that from their correct analysis of the positive and negative facts there will emerge a precise plan of combat for 1965.

Because positive facts abound the young communists are full of enthusiasm and are going to hold a conference that will reflect this "bubbling."

The Communist Party may have confidence in the UJCB. Alongside the Party, carrying on its own work, it will achieve its principal task, which is to unite young people in the great battle against the open war on the Congolese people, and for national independence. Its ranks are forming and straightening out as they advance!

The position of communists with regards to youth groups is that

laid down by Lenin:

"We should support without reservation an independent organization of the Union of Youth Groups, and this not only because the opportunists fear this independence but also for the good of the cause. In fact, without complete independence, the young groups will never be able to produce good socialists, nor prepare themselves to lead socialism forward."

The bourgeois, the social democrats, and all the traitors fear the youth. The communists, on the other hand, rely on the rising generation. The National Conference of the JC of Belgium will affirm once again its complete support of the Communist Party.

Finally, let us quote Lenin again:

"Is it not normal that among us, the Party of Revolution, youth predominates? We are the working party, and the future belongs to the youth. We are the party of innovators, and the youth always follows innovators eagerly. We are the party of the complete battle of sacrifice against the old rottenness and the youth leads the self-sacrificing fighters."

We are at the point where we can say that wide perspectives are open to the young people of Belgium.

LONG LIVE THE J.C. NATIONAL CONFERENCE!
LONG LIVE THE UNITED YOUTH FRONT!

