

## D organization of intz

9 - 11:45  
1:30 - 4:30  
7:30 - 9:30

## 2) Job 4 - report on proposed LTF draft

- rough draft
- certain developments must be added
- tied in with PST statement

remember - origin of the faction

late 1968 - g-war vs F.R.P.)

1969 w.e. — posed in terms of ↗

now - a.s. - polish up the excesses of old g-war line  
but they are applying the line

Spain  
Brazil  
Fracción Roja (Argentina)  
Bolivia

| pop frontism - it is easy to agree with u-l's on  
this & — they're all against pop frontism

opportunistic errors are in context of ultra-leftism

- e.g. France - opportunist error stemming from desire  
to hasten the day of a.s.

Cny & - offers a new opportunity to discuss <sup>the</sup> party Q, which we have  
been discussing since 1969

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Jeff report cont'd

### PST political bureau document

- relates to IMT abrogation of 9-pt. agreement — public attack very important

we must answer IMT initiative (regardless of other pts)  
~~some~~ may criticize PST on

logic is for IMT to reply <sup>(publicly)</sup> to PST pol. bureau

present stage of discussion is very delicate — a misstep now would be very costly

Special congress — correct move

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since last W.C.

- IMT usurpation of FI bodies

at - ratio of IMT - CTF <sup>IEC</sup> <sub>usec</sub>

monopoly of bureau

- info

- correspondence

- new contacts

attack on PST // IMT attempt to divide the CTF

evidence is  
all clear  
&  
overwhelming

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Alain -

add nat'l Q.

Alain B. -

special w.c. not well-enough explained as a real solution

- why FEC, U.Sec. can't -
- what (would w.c.) do ?

Peter - Domonic

Alan - Britain

British example <sup>as</sup> is clearer than in Spain

- ↗ no military dictatorship in Britain

Nat'l front demo - (quasi-fascist)

Liberation (CP) called a counter demo  
ENG call on <sup>people</sup> to join

ENG line - in next period, Britain is headed toward strong state, repression

Tendency put out a statement blasting the action as an adventure  
A Govt. Commission of Inquiry has been set up

Gwen - inconsistencies in ENG leadership posture

↗ a "Red Defense Force" - stewarding organization - not clear to whom it is answerable

Phyllis -

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Miguel

10<sup>th</sup> w.c. - IMT split wing blunted - but hasn't pulled back  
as has been proved - leadership bodies of FI  
LTP documents  
PST - attacks on  
IT split

all of this can be considered a continuation of pre-w.c. + w.c.

~~The~~<sup>IMT</sup> course will get worse

Course of world events since w.c.  
a reputation of IMT predictions on stronger states // repression -  
but instead popular fronts - Portugal  
Spain  
France

Ireland - sharpening of ~~capitalist~~ class contrasts - IMT position  
adaptation to ~~NEF~~  
we should bring forward more the P of popular front

~~IMT adaptation to~~  
~~support~~ popular front - France

Italy - Marxist project entering trade unions  
(what a.l. pressures?)

crisis of NEF - can't find a global alternative - to  
- basis of capitalism  
- popular frontism

LCR a.s. course, post w.c. -

compensated for by a growing opportunist side

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Miguel, cont'd

political line of FCR, LCR-DTA VI can't be characterized only as  
~~ultra-left~~ ultra-left — must be called left-centrist  
go back to P.O.U.M.

first capitulated to Left Christians (NMV of those days)

Poum - created its own militias, etc.  
(but no one called it u-l)

IMT course - bankrupt in another way — its repercussions on FI  
— democratic centralism put on the agenda as a fundamental Q.

IMT orientation lately hasn't been to firmly insist on applying line  
— but confusion

organization decomposition in FCR // setting in  
other sections — stagnant growth

leads IMT  
to concentrate  
its bureaucratic  
course

Flag on our part in giving a political response  
to this situation — not focusing in on  
axis of the debate

Today, as in 1969, Q = method of constituting the party

Key political Q = no longer armed struggle

to win  
over

This should be broadened to — class collaboration  
Q's of  
pop function

3 reasons 1) posed today by class struggle itself

2) this will cause biggest problems  
for IMT in several countries

(can be seen in development of tendencies)  
in European sections — e.g. FCR  
we must relate to these Q's

Focus on A.S. and others from this  
PST positions impede us from taking IMT on like we should be

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Miguel - cont'd

LTF resolution excellent on this

but - lack of use of  
lack of discussion on

What are the parts of the LTF that have now come to the fore

To centralize the debate —  
(1) around class against class vs. Popular frontism  
(2) democratic centralism within the int'l

in FI-  
this is not a matter of simple ultra-leftism of neophytes  
this is ultra-leftism of a current <sup>(max.)</sup> that has a 30-year history

At bottom — { do we remain LTF  
or do we become a Bloc for unity of F.I.

on PST - INT attack on

a) we should defend PST against bureaucratic attack on  
independently of PST errors

b) internal LTF discussion on PST positions // This will take some time

LTF can't "sign" the declaration of PST political bureau

Jack -

biggest political weakness of LTF = slowness of using the <sup>LTF</sup> political resolution

- importance of
- need to homogenize LTF politically - incl. leadership

adoption of gwars/a.s. - led to subtle displacement of T.P. approach // <sup>class</sup>  
<sup>against</sup>  
(seen most clearly in Cubans)

FI recruits - attracted to revolution — but not taught by leaders  
PMDF - not up to the job of standing up to the pressure

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Jack cont'd.

If no orientation to Leninist party construction  
non-proletarian  
break in continuity

Problem of pedagogy  
- attraction to <sup>opposition</sup> ~~pop~~ fraction  
is it a Q of a privileged group  
a basically opportunist type current  
not - they <sup>are</sup> attracted to opposition for leftist reasons  
to "bring the glorious day closer"

Special w.c. - why -

1) only one thing prevented a split at last w.c.  
- the 9-points // now these are destroyed

2) parallel secret apparatus that usurped U.Sec., IEC.

To solve - requires explanation of what happened

- open up bulletins

- maybe political pts (IMT may want Argentina on - this will  
open up all )

IMT has chosen to make a big issue of the PST

OK - ~~this makes all the more important the~~  
~~collaboration with the~~  
~~PST~~

Victor (Ven.)

- Main problem facing LTF = strengthening the leadership

mistake to think (as Miguel) that PST course impedes our defense  
vs a vs IMT - // too defensive // pressure of IMT

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Phil C.  
Canada

RMG - dosage of ultrafascism, salted with opportunism

RMG election organ - had no govt. slogan in the federal elections

~~try to regroup~~ <sup>the</sup> "far left"

Anders  
Sweden

special world congress - 2 Q's were posed

① Why w.c. - has been answered

② What should be the agenda?

Maria

3 pts

- 1) left centrist parties of majority
- 2) special w.c.
- 3) P.S.T.

1) ~~centrism~~ - I much in LT writings  
e.g. PCP in Spain  
SPD in Germany

incapable of giving a political orientation fundamentally different from class collaboration

must examine on basis of objective reality - not subjective perceptions - e.g. NIN argued against populism while he was in a pop front

UMF not left centrist - we did not refer to as was referring to course of 7<sup>th</sup> w. c.  
(line of)

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Maria, cont'd

to characterize INT as u.l. is only to see their  
ultra-left errors off

2) central axis of the debate -

Jeff. <sup>NYC</sup> report on we said INT dec. on a.s. was the  
reason for maintaining the faction

Q of a.s. is a fundamental one

but we need to develop a general (global) position

Jack said <sup>[pol. neos]</sup> LTF was key - ok

~~we think axis~~  
~~should be~~  
united with front // class vs class <sup>V.S.</sup> pop front

key aspects of LTF draft pol. neos <sup>[to focus on]</sup> are -

+ section on Class collaboration & pop fronts, which is very good

contra

~~left front~~ ~~key~~

LTF has been carrying on debate in stages - & at this  
stage, the fundamental axis has to be a.s.

But can't wait until we've had some experience on pop front  
as on a.s. - with liquidation of sections -

before taking this up. -

if  
for  
we?

democratic centralism . . also key

other Q's - Q of state  
rev. of perm. rev. -

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Marius - cont'd

Special W.C.

we're by & large in agreement with the proposal of SWP  
bureaucrat practices of the IMT should be linked up to their wrong  
conception of building the party

~~IMF~~ <sup>cannot</sup> methods codified in 1950s

PST -

We must close ranks in face of IMT attack on PST  
but LTF must be firmly homogenized around principles



Mercedes

~~main~~ Q to discuss here = nature of IMT line - // not label

central element = oscillations - u.l. - opportunism  
They yield to the pressure of their P.B. milieu  
central to IMT - lack confidence in w.c. - search for substitutes

we can take 1953 as a starting point

NMV has shifted its interest to class collaboration // popular frontism  
so IMT adapts

central Q now + g-war, a.s., but popular frontism

Q of clarity on nat'l bourgeoisie is vital in Latin America  
Now IMT is shifting

Mitterrand, cont'd

that is why IMT couldn't keep Santucho —

No!  
Santucho also wrong on PPF front

because he was a consistent ultra-left  
 Jack, Joe are wrong in thinking that FCR were pro-Mitterand  
 from U-L stance — many FCR ones ~~were~~ genuinely pro-Mitterand

Mexico - GCF.

we need a consistent political alternative to IMT line

- | Central Q = class against class vs class collaboration
- | IMT shift in line
- | = only way to win FI |

Blanqui

happy to hear that 3 Latin Americans who are facing toughest pressure ~~from~~  
 previously thought only in Europe

LTF draft on FCI/ Mitterand  
 "while FCR correctly denounced reformist char of UDF & "

— not limited to France

Nygel discussed UCP

he quotes Belgian PD Bureau doc - counting CP in anti-capitalist left

— 4 of the 5 tendencies in FCR are based on Union de la Gauche

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M-A

internal logic of the faction fight

→ despite enormous pressure we've put on them, they  
felt compelled to codify a.s. <sup>into</sup>

how we will win over

Peter  
YF strategy of a.s.

PST - have a sense of proportion re PST errors

Bolshevik mistakes

Gus

John R.

LTF resolution

methodological roots of IMT errors

- takes it back to 1950s

- nature of their key error = u.l.

rightist errors are coming  
to the fore, and at  
times will be central  
in our polemics -

Siegfried =

centrist method of politics

softness on principles

firmness on tactics

u.l. on tactics

opportunist on principles

ultra-leftism is a form of centrum

centrist method hidden

in an ultra-left form

European sides have been u.l. from the start - u.l. // agrees with Joe Haggard

I Rumor that in France, Jefnag has formed his own tendency -

This would signify -- like in IMG -- that a current independent of MAF has gained control

Roberto  
Mercosur

IMT - abandoning TP  $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{max} \\ \text{min} \end{cases}$

They have put emphasis on max part

but also I danger of emphasizing the min part

They are now in the max part

They are not calling for "p.f.-ism"  
They are tail-ending it

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George N.

- struggle in Fd. entering showdown phase
- IMT - attempted to drive out PST
  - split Canadians
  - SWP

defense of PST

How to treat <sup>errors</sup> on a leadership level

- Argentina
- Canada
- Mexico

Miguel

discussion clarified

- 1) axis of political discussion in FT today
- 2) methodological

in Sp - conclusion that fundamental & was that of the party  
evaluation of debate in LCR - pre-split

- found way out of "nat'l isolation" through LTF documents
- history of FT for roots

IMT method can lead to either u.l. or opp errors

- IMT - adaptationist, tail-endist / as opposed, e.g., to Healy

L can hold contradictory views

1950s continuity of method - not political line

the new factor, this time, was the sector to which they were adapting

to make u.l. the focus is to make into an absolute, the  
first manifestation of IMT's adaptationist nature

Miguel - cont'd

There are no principled differences in LTF on the characteristics of DPT

- terminology
- tactics

we have proposed a working hypothesis

p.f. - in contrast to L.A.

+ is not a Q of a tactic which they  
have elevated

Evolution of politics of DPT, which has not yet  
been codified in any document -

& we don't deny that the starting point  
is ultra left

If this is to become evolution of DPT

vs argument — that FCP are not pop frontists  
but see it only as means to a.s.  
— e.g. POUM

\* Trotsky, polemizing against POUM, did not  
start from subjective desires, but objective significance of

central Q — Trotskyist conception of party

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Pandes  
In

p.f. characterization tends to view FI fight as finished

to see MMF leadership & ranks as identical

Joe -

methodology

What if we adopted Miguel position

JMT oscillation - u. left / rightist opportunist

in response to big events in class struggle

previously - u. l. in response to a wave of -

now - pendulum has swung to p.f.

Q. - why does JMT oscillate

answ - that is JMT nature

Joe - there is a certain timelessness about this

(That's why ~~I~~ goes back 20, 30, 40 years)

But LTF - <sup>March</sup> 1973 - formation

LTF - Aug 1973

issues discussed in 1968-69

of timelessness - oscillation -  $\Rightarrow$  class R.B.  
But Miguel hesitant to say so

Similar error of JMT re Chinese Burnaway  
JMT calls it centrist but not PB

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Joe, cont'd

↳ Miguel position → disembodied left centism

Another problem -

left centrist oscillations in response to  
big developments in class struggle, - external  
pressures - leaves out internal logic  
of development of IMT - discussion in FI,  
which has its own logic - not identical w/ to  
logic of class struggle as a whole

analogy w/ POUM -

abstractions from diffs - POUM - IMT

POUM - not in FI

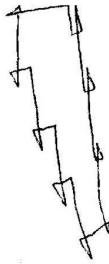
Trotsky's criticism of POUM in context of popular  
front in 1930s - defeat

context for IMT

victories - Chinese rev. } - Cuban rev. } -  
Indochinese rev. } - belief that g-war  
was a new way to win

FR.7 = real pattern of IMT line

Miguel et al - question LTF analysis + platform  
& evolution - LTF



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Tony Thomas

we must link FCR's adaptation to Udeleg to the concrete aspect of their a.s. line - not to abstraction around adaptation

wrong to take <sup>IMT's</sup> Opportunist errors out of the context of its u.l. origin

Mona

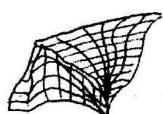
it's wrong to single out just one example of IMT work for criticism -

e.g. - Spain - ITF declaration talkes of extension of g-war without discussing whole context of work of UCR-GTA VI

Andres

need discussion - programmatic clarity

Gwen -



IMG leadership - had a somewhat different NMV in mind as compared to DMG — workerist type

IMG's g-line in practice - ≠ adapt to class collaboration, but u.l.

Ed Shaw

can't ~~have scheme~~ that IMT is going to do something & then argue about it with them



can't take that approach towards PST either

Ahmed

Q. to Miguel

- adaptationist leadership in IMT

- IMT, which once adapted to U.L. has made no qualitative transformation

objective conditions in <sup>world politics</sup> ~~class struggle~~ leading to pop frontism

6<sup>o</sup> adaptationist IMT will, under pressure, adapt to P.F.-ism

Maria

Ahmed's Q has come from confusion introduced by Joe Hansen

Joe's comments based on a misunderstanding of what ~~has~~ been said // rejects all of Joe's criticisms

We haven't said IMT oscillates all the time

It is through the NNV that the external pressures filter into the majority

{ after 9<sup>th</sup> w.c. the <sup>IMT</sup> current was left-centrist

Joe charge of timelessness & conjuncturally tied against us hides his own timelessness

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### Maria, contd

talk of can't compare INT w/ Poum

reminds us of when INT used to call  
us "archeo-Trotskysts" just reciting old texts

Trotsky did not take into account u.l. tactics, phraseology of Poum  
when he characterized ~~INT~~ as left centrist - different  
than Waters, Camayo, Shaw - on INT line

also see Trotsky's criticism of ~~Ramón~~, Veereken & Smeulst who covered up  
for the Poum

Why pose the Q whether we [challenge/question] the basis of the faction

Jack B. asks - has INT leadership been left centrist since 1969  
Maria answers - yes.

Jensen -

INT has different positions

say one thing in press  
another in cc  
another to ranks } a la FCR

Blanqui -

politics of INT

- in Spain - They designate Assembly of Catalonia, which we have  
characterized as a popular front, as a class organization,  
as a function of weight of CP in it

Blanqui, cont'd

quotes Jebrig earlier thesis - on dialectics of  
mind + map viol. // role of P.R.

Now Jebrig is saying &

"theory of the mean" - that there are  
not popular fronts, nor united fronts

repeats that LTF draft declaration is wrong

To say that the French cdes correctly criticized  
the Union of the Left

Jebrig - Union of Left would like to convert  
itself into a pop front, in an epoch where  
the political & social conditions for pop frontism  
have disappeared

Italy - we can observe the same kind of dynamic  
all of the 1968 + post-1968 U.I. groups have been  
moving in a rightist direction

Lotta Continua, Avanguardia Operaia, Manifesto

using the argument that this stimulates a  
class against class dynamic (as French action does)

Germany - only section after 9<sup>th</sup> w.c. to continue  
the entryist line

Hasn't linked up with NMV, student radicalization  
as the others did

IMT is a minority in GIM

In two cities - Cologne, Berlin

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Blanqui - cont'd

Latin America

F.R.A.

Fronte Amplio  
Unidad Popular

} on these three main pop fronts in Latin America -

FI has taken wrong positions

POR - F.R.A.

wrong positions by P.R.T.(u) - Frente Amplio

P.S.T. } - Chile  
I.M.T. }

Q to Joe - does he still hold position in his methods document - that critique of Europe decent would not have required tendency formation - only Latin American Q's

Gelman - accuses Joe of only seeing head of ultra left dragon

Gelman?

diffs I.M.T. of today and old Pabloite faction

pre 1968 ~~they~~ Mandel type politics - right opportunist capitulating to Soc Dem & Stal bureaucracies adapting to

they carried "centrist masks"

Mandel's  
e.g. ~~L~~itho to Most Econ Theory - class to PSU - at end of it he speaks of anti-capitalist structural reforms

*Hence* After 1969 turn, he rejects this theory

1968-1969 - these centrist misleaders leave [behind]  
the politics of entrism sui generis

When the turn came, we saw same method of  
adaptation — this time to views of newly  
radicalized, mostly student layers

influenced by { Cuba  
China  
VN

But these new layers came into the FI with  
their own dynamic

in some sections these u.l. forces have won the sections  
— codified at last w.e.

subversion of T.P. flows from U.M. codification  
of wrong position on armed struggle

significance of new Ben Said theory

— mass pressure can push left centrists to left  
How to generate mass pressure?

Through actions of electrifying  
character

IuT does have rightist positions

— e.g., in Germany

but no fundamental turn in S.D.M.

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Mercedes shouldn't confuse moment of conception with moment of birth

true: we were yielding to some IMT pressures -

- why - partially because some confusion has been introduced into our ranks - e.g. by Frente Amplio  
- position on

Internal logic of our discussion with IMT

- agree - main pressure <sup>on IMT</sup> = conciliation to ultraliberalism -

process of rightist adaptation is at conception stage

e.g. explanation of IMT position on

V.C.P.  
U.d.G. / stems from putting gun  
above politics

there has not been any qualitative change in IMT

Only qualitative change in IMT = programmatic change  
They have introduced on A.S.

Balance Sheet is clear on F.R.A.

& in other documents

Alan Ho

u.l. line of IMT  
reflection in IMT's line re Ireland

Q - on socialist w.e.

is it viable  
are we on a cpgn front?

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Miguel -

an error was made earlier, based on analyzing first expressions of IMT positions

- we have changed our position

o<sup>o</sup> IMT line = left centrist since 9<sup>th</sup> w.c.

adaptation to P.B. currents

substitutionist concept of party building

What led us to change our position?

study of

- [changes prior to 9<sup>th</sup> w.c. observed

- Joe H's report on 10<sup>th</sup> w.c. - we discussed this  
- this w.c. was the outcome of a long  
prior discussion on a.s.

IMT position from

- 1) disasters in Latin America
- 2) hard struggle of LTF

so the IMT had to shed its earlier g-was formulations,  
but preserve the spirit - substitutionist exemplary actions

Since 10<sup>th</sup> w.c. — a new adaptation —  
extension?

will it now be elevated to a strategy on a  
continental scale

or thought not

Because of developing adaptation to opportunism  
in Europe

Miguel, cont'd

FCR first adaptation to U.S.I.G had an u.l. motivation,  
more recently, Stalinism has had a determining effect  
 we know of ~~one case~~ ~~where~~ ~~opportunist preoccupations~~ cause this adaptation  
~~one case~~ ~~where~~ - due to failures of u.l.  
that is, The case of Spain



LTF political  
 section on pop frontism  
 section on party building } are most important

Q of method of constructing the party should be the axis of  
 the arguments we launch

need to put it into context of D.M.T trajectory  
 - not to draw balance on 1950's  
 - not to class characterize

special W.C. = we are for -  
 org Q focus OK

PST -

there has been an exaggerated intervention on our part  
 (saying we would defend PST, like we would all sections)

defense of PST - independent of correct or incorrect positions of PST

G.W.Q. - do you think <sup>[Stalinist]</sup> La-S. is a receding tendency in D.M.T? Spain  
 Miguel ans. - France, England - no essential change

Jack -

Miguel proposes 2 major turns for LTF

1) turn in axis of our political ~~focus~~

~~pressure~~ driving  
To right ~~direction~~ ~~IMT~~, ~~to the right~~ // to p.f.

The leftist positions are not central, but tangential

2) need to reassess history of the ~~tendency~~  
~~struggle~~

- To a left centrist formation, which  
may reach back decades

- of which 9<sup>th</sup> w.c line was  
only a manifestation

VS our position -

Key = turn to g-war line // as a strategy

which, we said, if persisted in, will be  
generalized & codified

components of I.M.T. - 9<sup>th</sup> w.c. Turn

Mandel - not a lawyer for views he disagreed with  
a lawyer, yes // But he was convinced  
younger leaders - with some experience - convinced  
new recruits - recruited on basis of ultra-leftism

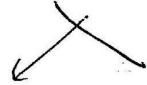
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Jack, cont'd

at front w.<sup>c</sup>

of Inter'c

central Trotskyist training & agreement w/T program  
and new course of 9<sup>th</sup> w.c.



Why do they redefine — not simply venal — but  
reassessing their own premises // rooted in T tradition  
of new & revision

our presence magnified

our strategy = - slow down the drift & win time  
- win cadres  
- analyze new events, positions

& get everything down in writing —

- build up program

- build objective basis for deciding

no formal tendency

next step & Argentina//Bolivia Balance sheet

rejection of balance sheet — experiences didn't  
convince them KEY

0%  $\Rightarrow$  LTT

next — org.Q.- Barzman letter // LTF  
 $\Rightarrow$

w/1st congress —

on political plane: we presented pol. res. // fundamental

on org. plane: salvaged unity with 9 pts

a.s. — we pointed to significance of

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Moguel et al -

{ view a.s. as vestigial  
to cover } - a cover for blows received  
them - a cover for any new a.s. actions

{ to " } a codification, programme, of the turn

a.s. resolution

= a defeat for F.I.  
a victory for clarity

origins of LCTT bureaucratism is internal,  
not fundamentally from class struggle

Why did they break with Sartre? - because they  
are still Trotskyists - couldn't swallow the  
wholesale revisionism

org Q is now clear

theory of the state -  
IMT China document

importance of continuity of LTF positions & FT traditions

How far back?

- org Q - 40 years

China Q - 20 years

[Reunification - some IMT leaders had assimilation theory]

Jack B. <sup>cont'd</sup>

centrist label is wrong

was basically used in two previous periods to denote those elements vacillating between the new & the degenerating internationals

Lenin's day: bet. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Trotzky's day: bet. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Note:  
label P.B.  
is clear in this  
sense -

There is ~~no~~ way for the I.M.T. to shift off  
this axis peacefully, quietly

P.S.T. Pol. Bureau of P.S.T. statement - will become  
axis of next stage of the debate - tend to  
become public over Argentina

# Organization

## MEA report

previous goals -

- 1) implement 9 pts  
organize ourselves to do so
- 2) <sup>increase</sup> Spanish-language stuff
- 3) special attention to Europe

recognized that in post a.c. period, the tempo of the discussion would decrease

propose an elected CTP leadership - smaller body

16	Hugo, [Ernesto] +	- 2	regular meetings
	L.C. - Sp.	- 1	
	U.Sec members		
	Conni, Marcel, Hugo		
	Benny, John, Joe	- 6	
	M.A., Ed, Jack	- 3	
	Mercedes, Peter (Aut) <sup>President</sup>	- 4	
	(North, Ahmed)		

no regional structures

Europe - discussions on Europe draft

Euro	3 (u)
U.S.	4
U.S.	5 (u)
Can	2
Aust	1
Asia	1

Jensen  
Denmark

on internal bulletins

Hermann  
Germany

send in regular reports to CTF center

John R

finances

Viktor

Ven.

finances

duties of co-ord comm.

Blanqui

very few Europeans - but principal fight is there

Jacky

must meet regularly  
can it be done? - finances

Argentina

Report - Mario

in Argentina - the declaration of the 8 parties didn't create any big stir in the left

PST has become big center of the opposition to the govt. — other parties have capitulated to the Pinochet.

delay in drafting a response on an initial scale was an error on our part

Key = basic policy of PST

is it legalistic? opportunist?

or class struggle  
not tactics

main problem of PST in Argentina

-- in face of immense opportunities --  
is not an excess of "reformism,"  
but of sectarianism — difficult  
of winning over

Espain

2 Q's for Mario

1) In an article in Revista de las Américas

that at an LTF, post w.c. mtg,  
there was an article saying  
we would have no faction organ,  
but would take advantage of  
I.P. & Revista — against  
etc.

Uruguayan code — calls for defense  
of bourgeois institutions

Espain  
cont'd

danger of fascism  
how real is this

Mario

- fascism -

a Key Q.

2nd - editorial -

if it doesn't say it isn't  
an organ of the minority,  
it doesn't say it

Maria

I we went <sup>a</sup> long time without receiving  
Avanza Socialista —

En Marcha oppn against PST has been  
strong — this has been the principal  
weapon they use against our work with  
ETA Mino, + in Madrid

we defended PST against bureaucratic  
practices of IMT — regardless  
of the political positions of the PST,  
which we didn't even know  
what they were

PST Pol Bus. statement that it  
is inadmissible to give pol. support to  
Bourgeois — OK — Key  
+ admission of error leading to  
confusion on whether PST signed the document

Maria, cont'd

~~in Argentina~~ + answer  
to a reader ("F")

were an opportunity to clarify

But —

quotes from answer to a reader — "F"  
call for return of Obregon

+ similar stuff

- e.g. "continuity of Isabella Peron"

"institutionalization"

contradicts — whether this is just a synonym for democratic rights

raises Q — is it correct to raise demand for police to protect the workers' delegates

we believe it

Ricardo

fascism: mass movement

diff — defending democratic rights & defending constitution

Jack —

biggest problem:

lack of consciousness

about what we do in our sectors — affects all LTF internationally

(b)

Jack

diff: defense of democratic rights  
& defense of constitution, regime etc.

a lot of Maria's criticism is not necessarily wrong

depends on how it is done

return of Obregon call was wrong in principle — +, I think, was corrected in the next issue

Mercedes

PST has a big influence — especially on Latin American sections — so its errors must be corrected

~~Have things gone back to Q dismay at LTF post w.o. meeting~~

is a vote for p.f.

a principled or tactical Q?

Quotes Revista on defending bourgeois democracy as objectively more progressive

attack Uruguay

civilian tradition of armed forces

Mercedes, cont'd

Revista en  
Peru - four years

Rev. must defend this  
government against coup

Joe -

The discussion has gone beyond the immediate Q - INT attack on PST and PST response

some issues have been raised on which differences probably exist

If diff's exist, they are of a secondary nature, and don't affect principled platform of LTF

defense of democratic rights : main point = we do so through proletarian methods ; mobilization of workers — That has been the real axis of PST's defense of democratic rights

- within this context, Q of formulation — some errors

Joe cont'd

demats were won in bourgeois revolution

°° They are bourgeois

we uphold Bill of Rights but not Constitution as a whole, which defends private property

Viktor

~~sharp~~ sharp attack on critics of PST

in fact, what is being questioned here is the Trotskyist character of the PST

To be consistent, others should ask for expulsion of PST from LTF

Mario - Summary

over

(d)

Mario

I'll differentiate between two types of intervention

won't reply to Mercedes, who charged PST with being Stalinist type maneuver

Mario - will respond to

institutionalization means the whole process that led to the downfall of the dictatorship & the institutionalization of democratic rights

reinstate Obregon - we are for that  
not to be, is to turn the govt. over to the fascists

same for Mrs Peron

In response to Dick Fidler's Q about PST line re vote for Frente Amplio - that is a tactical question

The method used by some comrades here in the discussion is the same as the method of IMT at W.C.

Jack

- vote // explanation of

Mario - statement

re LTF Draft Statement on W.C.

will vote in favor, with reservations

- agree with call for a special W.C. which is the essence of the doc.

but - disagree with the first characterizing the line of the IMT

statement 24-0-0

co-ordinating committee

Mario -

for a small body

leave out - resident  
reduce U.Sec to 2

M-A - explains

Mario - gen sec'y - Joe  
org sec'y -

Ahmed - what criteria for Mario's proposed  
for a smaller body?

Joe - C.C. is good. - Only Q  
vote: 22-20 is practical-finances

(e)

