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To I/TF Coordinators

Dear Comrades,

The discussion preceding the 1978 World Congress of the Fourth International (Fifth World Congress Since Reunification) is now underway. The Congress is tentatively scheduled for the end of 1977 or the beginning of 1978.

While barred from belonging to the international by reactionary legislation, SWP members will undoubtedly take a fraternal interest in following and contributing to the debate over the issues of importance to the Trotskyist movement.

Because the debate has now been going on for eight years, comrades will want to review some of the key bulletins and articles that have been published between 1968 and 1976.

A list of some key contributions in each area (Europe, China, Latin America, Vietnam, World Perspectives, Women's liberation, the National Question, the Youth radicalization, and Independent Political Action and Socialist Electoral Policy) is enclosed.

All of the international documents printed in 1976 are not included in this listing. Of course, comrades will want to follow the discussions now being printed in the International Internal Discussion Bulletin and the Internal Information Bulletin.

Comradely,

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Part 1: Selected Documents on Europe

- ** 1. "The Building of Revolutionary Parties in Capitalist Europe," Draft Theses Submitted to the Tenth World Congress... (International Information Bulletin, No. 5 in 1972.)
- ** 2. "A Criticism of the United Secretariat Majority Draft Resolution on "The Building of Revolutionary Parties in Capitalist Europe," by Mary-Alice Waters. (International Internal Discussion Bulletin [IIDB] , Vol. X, No. 3, 1973.)
- ** 3. "The Underlying Differences in Method," by Joseph Hansen. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 12, 1973.)
- 4. "In Defense of the Portuguese Revolution," by Pierre Frank, Livio Maitan and Ernest Mandel. (Intercontinental Press, Vol. 13, No. 31, September 8, 1975.)
- 5. "For A Correct Political Course in Portugal," by Gerry Foley, Joseph Hansen and George Novack. (Intercontinental Press, Vol. 13, No. 36, October 13, 1975.)
- 6. "Revolution and Counterrevolution in Portugal," by Pierre Frank, Livio Maitan and Ernest Mandel. (Intercontinental Press, Part 1, Vol. 13, No. 45, December 15, 1975; Part 2, Vol. 13, No. 46, December 22, 1975.)
- 7. "The Issues in the Portuguese Revolution," by Barry Sheppard. (IIDB, Vol. XII, No. 6, 1975.)
- 8. "The Portuguese Revolution and the Building of the Fourth International," by Jack Barnes. (IIDB, Vol. XII, No. 6, 1975.)
- 9. "The Decline of U.S. Power and the Crisis of World Stalinism," by Jack Barnes. (International Socialist Review, July, 1976.)
- ** 10. "Theses on the Portuguese Revolution," Resolution by the International Majority Tendency, adopted by the February 1976 meeting of the International Executive Committee. (IIDB, Vol. XIII, No. 2, 1976.)
- ** 11. "The Test of Two Lines in the Portuguese Revolution," draft resolution proposed to the February 1976 meeting of the International Executive Committee by the Leninist-Trotskyist Faction. (IIDB, Vol. XIII, No. 2, 1976.)

** Documents available in Spanish.

Part 2: Selected Documents on China

- ** 1. Original Draft Resolution on the "Cultural Revolution" and Proposed Amendments Arranged in Dual Columns. (International Information Bulletin, No. 4, 1970.)
- ** 2. "The Origin of the Differences on China," by Joseph Hansen. (Report to the Twenty-third National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party.) (International Information Bulletin, No. 5, 1970.)
- 3. "The Anatomy of Stalinism," by Tom Kerry. (Education for Socialists Bulletin, June, 1972.)
- 4. "Two Assessments of the Chinese Cultural Revolution: A Balance Sheet." Draft Resolution submitted by United Secretariat members, Abel, Adair, Hans, Juan, Pedro, Stateman, and Therese. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 13, 1973.)
- 5. "The Differences in Interpretation of the 'Cultural Revolution' at the Last World Congress and Their Theoretical Implications," submitted by the International Executive Committee Majority. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 22, 1973.)

Part 3: Selected Documents on Latin America

- ** 1. "Draft Resolution on Latin America." (International Information Bulletin, Part 2, January, 1969.)
- ** 2. "In Defense of the Leninist Strategy of Party Building," by Joseph Hansen. (IIDB, No. 3, 1971.)
- 3. "Documentation on Latin America." (International Information Bulletin, No. 5 in 1972.)
- ** 4. "Argentina and Bolivia: The Balance Sheet," by Blanco, Camejo, Hansen, Lorenzo, and Moreno. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 1, 1973.)
- ** 5. "In Defense of Leninism: In Defense of the Fourth International," by Ernest Germain. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 4, 1973.)
- ** 6. "Letter to the PRT (Combatiente)," by Ernest, Livio, Pierre, Sandor, Tariq, Delphin. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 7, 1973.)
- ** 7. "The Underlying Differences in Method," by Joseph Hansen. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 12, 1973.)

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8. "The Political Crisis and Perspectives for Revolutionary Struggle in Argentina," Draft resolution submitted to the next World Congress by the IEC Majority Tendency. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 21, 1973.)
9. "Report on Armed Struggle in Latin America," by Roman, adopted by the Fourth World Congress Since Reunification (Tenth World Congress), February 1974. (SWP Internal Information Bulletin [IIB] , No. 8, 1974,)
10. "Armed Struggle in Latin America," Counter-report for the Leninist-Trotskyist Faction, by Joseph Hansen, presented to the Fourth World Congress Since Reunification (Tenth World Congress), February 1974. (IIB, No. 8, 1974.)

Part 4: Selected Documents on Vietnam

1. "Documents of the December 2-6, 1972, meeting of the International Executive Committee. 1) Sterne-Walter resolution on Vietnam. 2) Motion on Vietnam." (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 6, 1973.)
2. "The Debate on Indochina," by Sterne. (IIDB, Vol. X, No. 6, 1973.)
3. "On the Differences over Vietnam," by Gus Horowitz; and "The SWP's Role in the Antiwar Movement," by Geoff Mirelowitz. (SWP Discussion Bulletin, Vol. 31, No. 24, 1973.)
4. "Contribution to a debate: On the Nature of the Vietnamese Communist Party," by Johnson and Feldman. (International Socialist Review, July-August, 1973.)
5. "Continuation of a debate: The Vietnamese Revolution and the Role of the Party," by Pierre Rousset; and "Vietnam, Stalinism, and the Postwar Socialist Revolutions," by Johnson and Feldman. (International Socialist Review, April, 1974.)
6. "Some comments on the discussion in the ISR," by Louis Couturier. (International Socialist Review, February, 1975.)
7. "Vietnam Today," by Fred Feldman. (The Militant, November 12, 1976.)

Part 5: Selected Documents on the World Perspectives

1. "The World Political Situation and the Tasks of the Fourth International." (Dynamics of World Revolution Today. Pathfinder Press.)
2. "On the Current Stage of World Revolution," by Ernest Mandel. (Inprecor, No. 53, June 10, 1976.)
3. "The Decline of U.S. Power and the Crisis of World Stalinism," by Jack Barnes. (International Socialist Review, July, 1976.)

Part 6: Documents on Women's Liberation

1. "Socialist Revolution and the Struggle for Women's Liberation," Draft Resolution for Fifth World Congress Since Reunification (11th World Congress), submitted by Mary-Alice Waters. (IIB, Vol. XIII, No. 9, 1976.)
2. "The Abortion Struggle: What We Have Accomplished, Where Should We Go From Here?" By Betsey Stone and Mary-Alice Waters. (IIB, No. 12, 1976.)
3. "Concerning the Draft Resolution 'Women's Liberation Work and the Fourth International,' or, The Illumination of Other Debates," by Tamara and Verla. (IIB, No. 12, 1976.)

Part 7: Selected Documents on the Debate on the National Question

- ** 1. "In Defense of Leninism: In Defense of the Fourth International," by Ernest Germain. (IIB, Vol. X, No. 4, 1973.)
2. "Comrade Germain's Error on the National Question," by Gus Horowitz. (IIB, Vol. X, No. 10, 1973.)
3. "The Real Record of the Canadian Section: In Reply to Comrade Germain," by John Riddell and Art Young. (IIB, Vol. X, No. 16, 1973.)
4. "The Beginning of a Revision of Marxism," by Ernest Germain. (IIB, Vol. X, No. 24, 1973.)

Part 8: Documents on the Youth Radicalization

- ** 1. "The Worldwide Radicalization of the Youth and the Tasks of the Fourth International." (Draft Resolution for the Third World Congress Since Reunification, Ninth World Congress.)*
- ** 2. "Balance Sheet of the Student Movement," by Daniel Bensaïd and C. Scalabrino. *
- ** 3. "International Report" (Adopted by the 9th National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance, December 28, 1969,) by Caroline Lund. *
- ** 4. "The Red University Strategy Vs. the "Irreversible Turn," by Andy Rose. (IIBD, Vol. XI, No. 19, 1974.)

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Part 9: Documents on Independent Political Action and Socialist Electoral Policy

- 1. "On the 1973 Legislative Elections in France: May 28, 1973, Letter to the Political Bureau of the Ligue Communiste from the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party." (IIBD, Vol. X, No. 14, 1973.)
- 2. "Letter to the Political Bureau of the French Ligue Communiste, by the Central Committee of the Liga Comunista." (IIB, No. 8, 1973.)
- 3. "The Mote and the Beam, A reply from the Political Bureau of the Ligue Communiste to the Political Committee of the SWP." (IIBD, Vol. X, No. 18, 1973.)
- 4. "Spain, France and Portugal--The Evolution of the Political Debate in the Fourth International," by Mary-Alice Waters. (IIB, No. 8, 1974.)
- 5. Documents and Articles on the 1976 Mexican Elections. (IIB, No. 7, 1976.)
- ** 6. "French Trotskyists Debate Strategy in Portuguese Elections." (IIB, No. 8, 1976.)

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Platform Documents of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction

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2. Declaration of the Leninist Trotskyist Tendency. IIDB Vol. X, No. 3, 1973.
3. The Underlying Differences in Method, by Joseph Hansen. IIDB Vol. X, No. 12, 1973.
4. The New Situation in the Fourth International, a Statement by the Leninist Trotskyist Faction. IIDB Vol. X, No. 15, 1973. [Founding statement of the faction.]
5. Draft Political Resolution submitted by the Leninist Trotskyist Faction. IIDB Vol. XI, No. 2, 1974. Edited version published in the book Dynamics of World Revolution Today (Pathfinder Press, 1974) under the title "The World Political Situation and the Immediate Tasks of the Fourth International."
6. Armed Struggle in Latin America, Counterreport for the Leninist Trotskyist Faction, by Joseph Hansen, presented to the Fourth World Congress Since Reunification (Tenth World Congress), February 1974. Internal Information Bulletin No. 8 in 1974.
7. The Need for a Special World Congress, a statement by the Steering Committee of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction, adopted August 28, 1974. IIDB Vol. XII, No. 3, 1975.
8. In Reply to the IMT's Open Letter Number 2, Leninist Trotskyist Faction resolution submitted to January 1975 meeting of the International Executive Committee. IIDB Vol. XII, No. 4, 1975.
9. Key Issues in the Portuguese Revolution, by the Steering Committee of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction, adopted August 30, 1975. IIDB Vol. XII, No. 6, 1975.
10. The Portuguese Revolution and the New Problems of the Fourth International, Statement by the Leninist Trotskyist Faction, adopted August 31, 1975. IIDB Vol. XII, No. 6, 1975.
- ** 11. The Test of Two Lines in the Portuguese Revolution, minority resolution proposed to the February 1976 meeting of the International Executive Committee by the Leninist Trotskyist Faction. IIDB Vol. XIII, No. 2, 1976. Intercontinental Press, Vol. 14, No. 11, March 25, 1976.

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** This document on Portugal will be reprinted in a compilation of documents on the Portuguese revolution.

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