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Dear Comrade Feldman,

I have just finished reading the Education for Socialists bulletin containing the I.S. and I.C. documents and edited by you. In all seriousness I want to thank you for making this material available to the membership of the SWP. This documentary material proves beyond all doubt that Cde. Pablo and the International Secretariat were basically correct and that the I.C. indeed was responsible for an unprincipled and unnecessary split in the International. Furthermore, the material shows that all the "education" we received on the 1951-53 events has been total factional "bullshit". I am most happy that I have finally learned the truth about "pabloism" and the international disputes Cde. Pablo was involved in.

Comradely,  
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Dear Lew,

A new group has emerged in Baltimore that makes some claims that we would like some clarification on.

First, what we know of them. The three main people involved are all former members of the YSA, Rick E. was also in the party. They resigned several years ago, Rick in his resignation letter outlined that his differences with the SWP on the antiwar movement, nationalism and the Middle East made it necessary to resign from the party. Michel Sidman in his letter of resignation from the YSA stated that the SWP was not Trotskyist, that it is a centrist organization like the POUM in Spain, that the SWP and the YSA are pseudo-Internationalists, and that the "real comrades" of the 4th International have a clear position on the Mideast. He also stated that he remained within the Fourth International and loyal to the United Secretariat. Michel and Janice (the 3rd main member of the BMG) returned to France for a year and some months, meanwhile Rick had joined is. After Michel and Janice returned last summer, a group called the Red Circle emerged in D.C., very small. Michel explained to a comrade last September who inquired about the Red Circle that it was a group that agrees with the ex-Ligue Communiste and with the IEC Majority. We thought it strange for such a group to emerge making such a description of itself. In that period they attended a few forums of ours and had several of their own, one on Chile.

They then moved to Baltimore and the next time we saw them at the impeachment demonstration they were the Baltimore Marxist Group. At that demonstration several IT members spent the majority of their time sitting with the BMG members instead of working hard to sell our press as the rest of us were doing. Both IT and BMG members were selling the Red Weekly at that demonstration.

The next contact with them was at the Chile demonstration on May 11 where they distributed a leaflet with the statement of the United Secretariat on Chile, signed by the Chile Resistance Committee. Again, IT members sat with them and both IT and BMG members sold the Old Mole, paper of the Canadian RMG. An independent told me that he had been told by the BMG that they were a "sympathizing group of the Fourth International."

This whole matter raises a lot of questions. When did the BMG become a "sympathizing group?" We were not aware that such a group existed here. Is it now policy for the IT, along with a group not affiliated like the BMG, to sell the Old Mole at public functions? Is there a group besides the SWP that acts in fraternal agreement with the Fourth International here?

Comradely,

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