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To Leninist Trotskyist Faction Coordinators

Dear Comrades,

The report on the world movement from the SWP plenum last month will no doubt generate new interest among all comrades in the political debate and other developments in the international. This is a good occasion for the LTF in each branch to reorganize the faction and its finances.

One result of the recent growth of the party is that we now have a good number of members who know very little about the evolution of the discussion in the international over the past seven years. Many do not know what the LTF is or what it stands for. Now is a good time for faction members in each branch to organize talking to these comrades, urging them to study the main documents of the international discussion, and explaining to them why the faction was formed and what its positions are.

Another area of faction organization that needs more attention is finances. The financial needs of the faction have not lessened. To the contrary, fast-moving developments are taking place in the international, as reported from the plenum, and funds are needed for travel by LTF leaders in the SWP to be able to exchange information and opinions on these developments with LTF supporters around the world. Delegations to international LTF gatherings are costly. The informational mailings put out by the faction are another considerable expense.

Every LTF member should pledge a regular financial contribution to the faction. In each branch, the faction coordinator or treasurer is responsible for seeing to it that these contributions are collected regularly and sent in to John Benson at 14 Charles Lane, New York, N.Y. 10014.

Attached is a chronological list of the documents which constitute the platform of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction. Faction coordinators may want to check that the branch has these bulletins on hand so that packets can be given to new SWP members who are interested in the faction. Branches will also want to make sure they have a supply of the major documents of the International Majority Tendency. These are available in the special issue of Intercontinental Press containing selected documents from the 1974 world congress.

Comradely,

Caroline Lund

Platform Documents of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction

(Volumes and numbers except in point 6 refer to the International Internal Discussion Bulletin.)

1. Argentina and Bolivia--The Balance Sheet, by Hugo Blanco, Peter Camejo, Joseph Hansen, Anibal Lorenzo, Nahuel Moreno. Vol. X, No. 1
2. Declaration of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction. Vol. X, No. 3
3. The Underlying Differences in Method, by Joseph Hansen. Vol. X, No. 12
4. The New Situation in the Fourth International, a Statement by the Leninist Trotskyist Faction. Vol. X, No. 15
5. Draft Political Resolution submitted by the Leninist Trotskyist Faction. Vol. XI, No. 2. 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. 6 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. Vol. XII, No. 3
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. Vol. XII, No. 4
9. Key Issues in the Portuguese Revolution, by the Steering Committee of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction, adopted August 30, 1975. Vol. XII, No. 6
10. The Portuguese Revolution and the New Problems of the Fourth International, Statement by the Leninist Trotskyist Faction, adopted August 31, 1975. Vol. XII, No. 6