

New York, N.Y.,
April 18, 1974

TO LENINIST-TROTSKYIST FACTION COORDINATORS

Dear Comrades,

Attached are copies of two letters:

1) a letter from the Bureau of the United Secretariat to sections and sympathizing organizations of the Fourth International about the publication plans of International Press Correspondence.

2) a letter from the SWP National Office requesting additional information and clarification of several points in the Bureau's letter.

Branches should wait until we receive a reply to these questions before ordering bundles or subscriptions. Any proposals at branch meetings to act on this prior to clarification of these questions should simply be tabled by majority vote pending a communication from the SWP National Office.

Comradely,

Ed Shaw

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Circular letter to all sections and sympathising organisations
of the Fourth International.

Brussel 12th April, 1974.

Dear Comrades!

As you already know, the United Secretariat decided at its meeting of march 16, 1974 to publish in three language (english, french and spanish) a fortnightly magazine called "International Press Correspondance". These magazines are going to be the organ of the United Secretariat, expressing the views of the international leadership on current events. In this way the United Secretariat will have the possibility to give all sections more analytical appraisals of world events, at the same time as it will constitute an important politically homogenizing force.

The first issue will appear soon- in any case before the end of April. In the first issue you will find the following subjects dealt with:

Portugal:	The beginning of a crise; by Udry
Itali:	The referendum on the divorce and the political crise; by Livio Maitan
Bolivia:	The political crises in Bolivia is heading towards a confrontation
The Goulag Archipeligo:	by Ernest Mandel
Resolution of the Ceylonese section	
The economic and political crises of the Saigonese regime	by Pierre Rousset
The general election in Colombia:	by C. Rodriguez
The spanish CP and the Sovjet Union:	by Piere Frank

After this the next issue will appear in the middle of May, which means that between the first and the second issue their will be a timegap of about one month. The reason for that is that we want to give you enough time to raise a lot of subscriptions and send in the money to the center, before the second issue appears.

After this probing period, the magazine will appear regularly as a fortnightly.

The following is the way we want you to act:

1. Make big efforts in raising a lot of subscriptions. The whole undertaking is dependent on that.
2. We want you to arrange the distribution in the following way:
 - a. The first way is that each branch of your section or sympathising group recieve the magazine directly and distribute it to subscribers inside the branch and to close sympathizer. This arrangement is done in order not to delay the arriwal of the magazine to each subscriber, which will be the case if it has first to go through the center of your section.
 - b. The second way of distribution is that we send it directly to the adress of individual subscribers. But in order to lower the costs of distribution we want you to use this way only for people outside the section and in exceptional cases inside the section.

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3. Give us immediately indications on how many copies you need and to which addresses you want them. (And in which language)

4. The price of the magazine is the following:

a. subscription on 25 copies.....250 belg. fr.

b. individual sale..... 20 belg. fr./copy

You have your self to work out the comparable sum in your currency.

5. Money for subscriptions has to be paid to the following bank account:

Société Générale de Banque

Agence Dailly 1030 Bruxelles

Gisela Scholtz

Compte Courante No.: 210-0320173-28

OBS: You have to indicate taht the money is for "Inprekorr"

or: If you want to order the magazine by postal order, do it on the following adress:

C.C. P.Nr. 2-61 of Société Générale de Banque

and indicate the following on the special stroke, "Communication", on the postal order:

Société Générale de Banque

Agence Dailly 1030 Bruxelles

Gisela Scholtz

Compte Courante No.: 210-0320173-28

also with indication of "Inprekorr"

Comrades, we hope you will make big efforts in making INPREKORR a success

Comradely greetings

Jens

/for the US-Bureau/

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14 Charles Lane
New York, N.Y. 10014
April 19, 1974

Jens
Bureau

Dear Comrade Jens:

We received today a letter from you dated April 12.

We will call to the attention of our branches the information about the publication of "International Press Correspondence," but before we do so we need some clarification on the rate structure and circulation procedures.

It has always been the custom in this country for individual comrades to receive subscriptions for all publications at their home addresses, and we think comrades will want to follow this custom in this case, too.

Various branches may want to order a bundle of the publication for sale in their bookstores, but they always decide such questions in the light of local needs and possibilities. Can you give us the rates for bundles by seairmail and airmail, so that we can pass the information on to the branches?

Potential subscribers will want to know what the dollar equivalent is for a subscription, as well as the duration of the subscription. The figures should be calculated for both sea mail and airmail. Also will you have a special rate for a short-term trial subscription?

It is not clear to us how payment for subscriptions should be sent or to whom. It is not possible in this country to send payments directly to a bank account, whether by check or postal order. It is possible to wire or mail a draft payable in francs when you have the name and address of the individual or publication, but this is very complicated, and not many comrades are familiar with the procedure. Comrades can send their payments via personal check or international money order. To whom should these be made payable? To what address should they be sent? Can the payments be made in U.S. dollars?

We would appreciate your clarification on these questions.

Fraternally,

s/Bev Scott
SWP National Office