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Dear Comrade Steve,

I am taking advantage of an invitation from Rich Finkel, former editor of your paper, to send in a comment or two whenever I think it appropriate.

In the issue of March 1974 there is an article by Jose G. Perez telling about the author's discussion with Domingo Reyes, a leader of the Argentine JSA, about the reaction in that country to the coup in Chile. I think this article has a shortcoming that I want to call to your attention.

The article quotes Reyes as saying something regarding "...the lack of a revolutionary leadership," and says "...there were significant differences among left-wing groups in Argentina as to the reasons for the coup..." and "The JSA put forward the position that what was lacking in Chile was a revolutionary party like Lenin's Bolsheviks." none of these statements, all of which are correct, are followed up by exposing the role played by the Stalinists in Chile. This is where I see a shortcoming in the article.

I think that somewhere in the article the prime responsibility of the Stalinists, who lulled the workers to sleep with fairy tales about the loyalty of the generals, should have been featured. Attention should be called to the public statement of Chilean CP leader Courvelan in which he guaranteed that the generals would not overthrow a legally elected government. There are plenty of such statements by CP leaders. The Militant ~~carried~~ one under Courvelan's picture once, a couple of months ago.

I would like to see all our press carry more material on what the CP did in Chile and suggest also that the YSA challenge the YWLL to a public debate or debates everywhere on Chile, where our views and theirs can be put before a public meeting.

Comradely,

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