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To Leninist Trotskyist Faction Coordinators

Dear Comrades,

At the faction meeting held during a recess in the National Committee plenum a month ago, it was noted that the growth and development of the LTF has not kept pace with the growth of the party. There is a large layer of new party members who are not at all acquainted with the years-long debate in the Fourth International. We need to consciously organize to help these comrades learn what the LTF stands for and recruit them to the faction.

At the plenum it was suggested that a series of classes could be sponsored by the LTF, with branch approval, to present the history and views of the faction to people interested in joining. After more consideration, however, it would seem preferable in most cases for LTF members to urge the branch itself to organize discussion on the development of the debate in the Fourth International. This could be done within the framework of the preconvention discussion. Given the fact that the international discussion is something that is in current dispute, the LTF has everything to gain from urging comrades to consider our views in counterposition to the views of the IMT by reading and, where possible, hearing both sides.

In branches where there are comrades of the International Majority Tendency, the branch can hear presentations from both sides and then have discussion. Where there are no IMT comrades, at least comrades can be directed to some of the key IMT documents, in addition to the LTF documents, to read in preparation for the discussion sessions.

The discussion could be divided into two or three sessions --one on the origins of the dispute in the discussion of tasks and perspectives in Latin America, and one or two more sessions on the extension of the dispute to perspectives in Europe in general, and Portugal in particular.

If time permits, a session could be devoted to the question of Stalinism and the differences as reflected in the documents and articles on China and Vietnam.

A brief introductory class on the history of the Fourth International could be done separately as a branch educational.

In the course of, and following such a series of preconvention discussion sessions, LTF members can organize to talk individually with each nonmember of the faction, try to answer their questions, and recruit them to the LTF.

In addition to paying more attention to recruiting to the LTF, the faction needs to get better organized in general.

This weakness is reflected most strikingly in a fall-off in dues payments this year as compared with the past two years.

For the information of the LTFs in newly-created branches, the standard LTF dues are in the range of 50 cents to \$1 a week. Checks should be made out to John Benson. Dues pay for the cost of the mailings, as well as travel costs to enable LTF leaders to consult with comrades in other countries.

Enclosed is a list of key documents of the LTF and IMT or by leaders of the LTF and IMT on Latin America, Europe, Portugal, and Stalinism.

Comradely,

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Key Documents on Latin America

IMT:

1. "Resolution on Latin America," in Documents of the World Congress of the Fourth International (Ninth World Congress--Third Since Reunification), in the July 14, 1969 issue of Intercontinental Press, \$1.
2. "Resolution and Reports on Armed Struggle in Latin America," in Documents of the World Congress of the Fourth International (Tenth World Congress--Fourth Since Reunification), in December 23, 1974 issue of Intercontinental Press, \$2.

LTF:

1. "Argentina and Bolivia--The Balance Sheet," by Blanco, Camejo, Hansen, Lorenzo, and Moreno, IIDB Vol. X, No. 1 in 1973, \$.80
2. "Counterreport on Armed Struggle in Latin America," in Internal Information Bulletin No. 8 in 1974, \$.50

Key Documents on Europe

IMT:

1. "Theses on Building of Revolutionary Parties in Capitalist Europe," in World Congress Documents, December 23, 1974 issue of Intercontinental Press.

LTF:

1. "A Criticism of the United Secretariat Majority Draft Resolution on 'The Building of Revolutionary Parties in Capitalist Europe'--An Initial Contribution to the Discussion," by Mary-Alice Waters in IIDB Vol. X, No. 3, \$.50.
2. "The Underlying Differences in Method," by Joseph Hansen, in IIDB Vol. X, No. 12, \$.60

Key Documents on Portugal

IMT:

1. Articles from press of majority IMT sections in Internal Information Bulletins Nos. 1 and 3 in 1975, \$.90 and \$.65, respectively.
2. "Everything for the Construction of Workers Power," Resolution of the Central Committee of the French Revolutionary Communist League, in Internal Information Bulletin No. 4 in 1976, \$1.30.

LTF:

1. "Test of Two Lines in the Portuguese Revolution," in March 22, 1976 Intercontinental Press, \$.75, and in IIDB Vol. 13, No. 2 in 1976, \$.50.

Key Documents on World Political Situation

IMT:

1. "General Political Resolution," in World Congress Documents, December 23, 1974 issue of Intercontinental Press.

LTF:

1. "The World Political Situation and the Immediate Tasks of the Fourth International," in World Congress Documents, December 23, 1976 issue of Intercontinental Press.

Key Documents on Stalinism

IMT:

1. "The Differences in Interpretation of the 'Cultural Revolution' at the Last World Congress and Their Theoretical Implications," submitted by the IEC Majority Tendency, in IIDB Vol. X, No. 22 in 1973, \$.50.
2. "The Vietnamese Revolution and the Role of the Party," by Pierre Rousset, in April 1974 issue of International Socialist Review, \$.75.

LTF:

1. "The Origins of the Differences on China," by Joseph Hansen, in Discussion on China (Reprints of International Information Bulletins), \$1.50
2. "Two Assessments of the Chinese Cultural Revolution: A Balance Sheet," draft resolution submitted by Abel, Adair, Hans, Juan, Pedro, Stateman, and Thérèse, in IIDB Vol. X, No. 13 in 1973, \$.70.
3. "Vietnam, Stalinism, and the Postwar Socialist Revolutions," by George Johnson and Fred Feldman, in April 1974 issue of International Socialist Review, \$.75.