TO: All IS Members

FROM: EC

RE: Resignation of Mike P. from the EC

DATE: June 22, 1976

At the end of last week, Mike P. informed the EC that he had decided to support
the second draft of the document, "Make the IS a Force in the Class." This docu-
ment is put forward in opposition to one of the main EC documents for convention,
"Steps Toward Building the Party," and is being projected as the basis for running
an alternate NC slate.

It was obvious that to have Mike organizing for an opposition document while still a
member of the EC would severely harm the collaborative functioning of the EC. Indeed
it would either force the EC majority to have separate "faction" meetings when it dis-
cussed certain issues or subjects related to the future building of IS, or it would have
interfered with the political right and duty of the EC to organize for its political
position. For an organization that places asmuch importance on its democratic pro-
cedures as it does on its centralized structure, either alternative is unacceptable.

After consultation with other EC members, the National Secretary requested Mike
to resign from the EC for the period before and during the convention when he would
be fighting for his minority position in the organization. Mike reluctantly agreed.
His statement on the subject is attached to this statement.

Comrades should be aware that the EC believes that this is the correct and principled
step to take when a minority of the central leadership is unwilling to accept the
discipline of the majority line. It is also the case that once these issues are decided,
one way or the other, by convention, and since there is absolutely no evidence that
there will be any on-going faction, there will no longer be a majority/minority line,
an opposition/EC line, there is only an IS line which has to be accepted by every
member of the organization. In those circumstances, there is no longer any reason for
Mike to be outside the EC, indeed there are many reasons why he should once more be
a full member of that body.