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April 8, 1970

TO ALL NC MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

Included in the last mailing to the National Committee were copies of two letters concerning the International Marxist League of Australia. In compiling the letters, we inadvertently neglected to include the response from Barry Sheppard and Caroline Lund, which is enclosed.

Comradely,

Jack Barnes

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Organization Secretary

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April 1, 1970

Executive Committee
International Marxist League
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Dear Comrades,

This letter is in reply to your letter of February 17, 1970 addressed to the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party.

Some time prior to its December 1969 national convention, the Young Socialist Alliance invited organizations adhering to or sympathetic with the Fourth International to send representatives to participate in the convention. One of these organizations was the International Marxist League of Australia. Of course, the choice of representative from each organization was left up to that organization, including in the case of the IML.

The IML informed the Young Socialist Alliance that it had decided to send Comrade P.J. Knowles. Comrade Knowles participated in the convention and afterwards spoke at a number of public meetings. His visit to the United States was useful and beneficial for the Trotskyist movement here, as was the case with all the international delegates who were able to come to the YSA convention.

The Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party have had only limited contact with the IML. Consequently, we are sure you will appreciate the fact that neither the SWP nor the YSA have any opinion on the issues involved in the internal dispute within the IML, as far as we are acquainted with those issues.

Comradely,

s/Caroline Lund, for the
Young Socialist Alliance

s/Barry Sheppard, for the
Socialist Workers Party