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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY:

Workers League Member Attacked

Workers League Central Committee member Sheila Leburg was attacked and manhandled by a dozen Socialist Workers Party members outside a meeting sponsored by the SWP in Los Angeles for Peruvian exile Hugo Blanco on Friday, November 18.

The SWP permitted other political tendencies, including the Stalinist Progressive Labor Party and the Socialist Labor Party, to freely sell their newspapers on the steps of the Immaculate Heart College auditorium where the meeting was held.

Three Workers League comrades began to distribute the "Open Letter to the World Trotskyist Movement" on the murder of Comrade Tom

Henehan last month in New York. Immediately a dozen SWP guards emerged to push all newspaper sellers off the stairs, and even off the sidewalk and into the street.

When Comrade Leburg went up to Hugo Blanco and handed him the Open Letter, the SWP guards charged at her, pushed her away from Blanco and tried to knock her down.

Comrade Leburg is well known as a leader of the Workers League both to SWP members and to the working class in Los Angeles. She was our party's candidate for Congress in the district which includes Watts last year. The first socialist candidate to win a place on the congressional ballot in California in forty years, she polled 3,183 votes.

This attack on a leading member of the Workers League comes after five

weeks of silence by the SWP on the assassination of Comrade Tom Henehan.

The SWP is silent because it cannot answer any of the questions raised in the investigation into Security and the Fourth International, concerning the role of SWP leader Joseph Hansen. While hiding behind a smoke-screen of lies about alleged "violence" by the Workers League, the SWP leadership is silent on the murder of one Workers League member and now openly carries out a violent attack of its own on another member.

We say to every member of the SWP: call your leadership to order. Demand that such provocations stop, and that they agree to the formation of a Commission of Inquiry into all aspects of Security and the Fourth International.