

MINUTES OF THE UNITED SECRETARIAT MARCH 20/21, 1971

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Present: Walter, Pierre, Adair, Sandor, Vergeat, Livio,  
Peterson, Delfin, Pedro

Visitors: Kent, Ghulam, Rachel, Riel

Finance Commission: Martine

10) Latin America Livio reported on developments in Argentina.

There is a continuing crisis of leadership in the bourgeoisie with big upsurge of the masses, particularly in the working class and developing through the general population and students. The struggle is most profound and dynamic in the most solidly industrialized area, Cordoba. The vanguard in Cordoba numbers thousands. The traditional leadership has lost control of the unions. The Argentinian section of the Fourth International, the Revolutionary Workers Party (PRT) is playing a leading role in the struggle particularly through the actions of its Revolutionary Peoples Army (ERP) that they just founded and which has gained tremendous publicity throughout Latin America and broad sympathy from the Argentinian masses.

Supplementary report by Pedro on the Verdad group which is undergoing considerable growth publishing a clandestine ten page weekly increasing its influence in the trade union movement and moving to establish its legality. He affirmed the broad sympathy that has arisen for the Revolutionary Peoples Army but challenged that their policy which he characterized as classically terrorist was the road to building a Leninist party.

Supplementary report by Riel sustaining the evaluation of Livio.

Motion: to adopt declaration on Argentina presented by Livio.  
Amendment by Pedro to delete paragraph three endorsing the line of the PRT-ERP. Amendment defeated; Motion carried : 7 for, 2 against.

Report by Livio on the Italian CP press coverage of the formation of the Uruguayan Popular Front. It claimed, that the "Frente Amplio" is supported by the Trotskyists, presumably by the "Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores", characterized in an article in the March 1 issue of ICP as "adhering to the Fourth International".

Motion: to adopt Declaration on Uruguay as shortened.

Carried: 6 votes for; 1 Abstention; Pedro did not vote and said, would submit written explanation. Statement to come.

Motion: that the United Secretariat instructs Livio to write an article in which he explains the position of the Fourth International on political formations and governments of this nature in Latin America. Carried

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Peterson gave notice that the United Secretariat should discuss ways of avoiding in future such confusion as has arisen from the handling of the Uruguayan developments in ICP.

Report by Riel on the movement in other parts of Latin America -- particularly on Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela and Uruguay.

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## DECLARATION ON ARGENTINA

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The United Secretariat of the Fourth International has analyzed the development of the Argentinian situation which is characterized by an accentuation of mass-mobilizations and where the class struggle has reached the stage of armed confrontations.

It draws the attention of the International and of the revolutionary workers movement to the importance of the Argentinian events and to the tasks of international solidarity which flows from it.

The United Secretariat sends its warmest greetings to the PRT (Revolutionary Workers Party), Argentinian section of the Fourth International, which -- through the audacious actions of the Revolutionary Peoples Army (ERP) -- has established itself in the front ranks of the organizations which support armed struggle, and which conducts this struggle within the framework of large mass-mobilizations.

The United Secretariat expresses its fraternal solidarity with the militants who are victims of the dictatorship's repression and emprisonment, to whom thousands of Cordoba militants during the recent general strike demonstrated a most moving homage.

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In view of certain slanderous reports which have appeared in the press of the Communist Parties and in other papers in Western Europe concerning some form of participation by Trotskyists in the "Frente Amplio" which was recently constituted in Uruguay, the United Secretariat of the Fourth International wishes to make following clarifications:

- 1) That there is no section of the Fourth International in Uruguay;
- 2) that it is totally opposed, as it always has been to any kind of collaboration whatsoever by revolutionary marxist forces in Popular Fronts, i.e. with bourgeois forces, whenever and wherever they happen to exist.

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