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New York, N.Y.

TO ALL BRANCHES:

Dear Comrades:

For your information: The Seattle based Kirk-Kaye faction have split from the party as a group. The faction, which had all the earmarks of a cult, was composed solely of members of the Seattle branch and three individuals in Connecticut who were members-at-large. Copies of their statement of resignation are being sent to all National Committee members.

The Kirk-Kaye group is now functioning as an open opponent of the party and is to be regarded as such by all party members.

The split occurred simultaneously with the transfer of several comrades loyal to the party who will serve as the nucleus for the reconstitution of the Seattle branch of the SWP. The Political Committee has already taken measures to reinforce this nucleus with enough additional comrades to constitute a functioning branch unit.

With the exodus of the disloyal splitters who long ago ceased to be party builders the way is now open to build a viable Trotskyist movement in the Pacific Northwest.

Comradely,



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