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295 Huntington Ave. Room 307  
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Dear Barry,

Here is a copy of the Communist Tendency statement that was read at the branch meeting September 7. The business portion of the meeting was through and I had just finished giving a summary of the Political and Organizational points from the convention. Neal Grover presented the statement. He is a rank-and-file member of the CT. He was neither the delegate nor the alternate delegate chosen by the CT to represent them at the convention.

No one attempted to prevent Comrade Neal from completing his remarks on the branch floor. After the first few sentences, it was clear to me that his remarks were out of order and a violation of discipline insofar as they re-open questions which were decided by the convention. I raised no objection because I thought we were hearing a statement of resignation by the CT. At the conclusion of the statement, when it was clear that this was not the case and Comrade Neal asked that this statement be appended to the minutes, I took the floor and indicated that in my opinion it was only necessary for comrades to loyally abide by the decisions of the party in a disciplined and centralized fashion to remain in the party. Furthermore, I stated that I thought that we had just heard a declaration of war on the party. I then moved to table the question to the **executive** committee, promising that we would have, "something to say on the question" at the next party meeting.

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Comradely,

Dave Wulp  
Organizer

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STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST TENDENCY

On August 15 Richard Nixon announced a wage-price freeze. The crisis of capitalism has reached an acute stage in the development of its own "death agency". The era of the post war boom and class harmony has drawn to a close. The theory of Neo-Capitalism and the hula hoop are laid to waste. Even at this moment an offensive is being undertaken against the working class on a world wide scale. The contradiction between production for profit and human need will force the capitalist class to use every weapon in its arsenal that it needs, from the "labor lieutenants" to imperialist war, in a direct attack on the proletariat. The working class will not stand idly by and watch its wages, living standards, right to strike, and even its right to live be destroyed. At precisely the time that the Socialist Workers Party reads the eulogy of the working class, the American proletariat threatens to drown the SWP in its wake.

At the 24th National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party the leadership stated that the American working class would become politicized but not through economic means. On the International scene it informed us that dual power was on the agenda in Bolivia. Never before in the history of the communist movement have the perspectives nationally and internationally of a degenerate Menshevik leadership, which includes such infamous predictions as, "After Hitler Us", and the "Self-reform of the Stalinist Bureaucracies", been destroyed in so short a time .....a period of one week! Some Mensheviks were revolutionary by comparison!

And now the Socialist Workers Party has a proletarian orientation. The SWP and George Meany marching arm in arm toward the General Strike. It's paper filled with articles about an alien class. YSA'ers migrating from the campuses to the factories to explain to the poor workers of their plight. But isn't this the turn that you comrades in the Proletarian Tendency fought for? Look at it comrades. See through it. The leadership is bankrupt! Don't let the death agony of capitalism become the death agony of the Socialist Workers Party.

At the most critical period in the history of the SWP the leadership of the Proletarian Orientation Tendency is about to lay down it's arms and build the party for 21 more months. The Communist Tendency has no intention of giving up the fight. We ask you to join us in the final battle because the life or death of our party rides on the outcome.

We intend to remain a faction, submit a document to the International discussion, and fight for the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party and the Fourth International "by any means necessary"!

signed/The Communist Tendency