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Dear Comrades,

At the D.C. Branch meeting of September 16th remarks were made by Tom Quinn of the Internationalist Tendency which you should be aware of. The attached remarks were under the financial part of the Branch Tasks and Perspectives discussion. The tape in its entirety is available.

Comradely,

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I JUST WANT TO RESPOND BRIEFLY TO THE REMARKS THAT OVE MADE ABOUT THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONALIST TENDENCY. FIRST OF ALL, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOYCOTT AND DUES, ITS A VERY, VERY REAL DIFFERENCE. I DON'T THINK THAT A COMRADE THAT PAYS SIX DOLLARS A WEEK TO THE PARTY IS BOYCOTTING THE PARTY AT ALL.

THE REASON, THE REASON THAT CERTAIN COMRADES IN THE INTERNATIONALIST TENDENCY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO REDUCE THEIR SUSTAINERS IS THAT LIKE MOST POLITICAL PEOPLE THEY GIVE VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE SURPLUS IN THEIR PERSONAL BUDGET TO THE PARTY AS THEY DID IN THE PAST. NOW IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE WORK OF THE TENDENCY IN THE PRE-CONVENTION, PRE-CONGRESS PERIOD ITS JUST FOR A NUMBER OF COMRADES ITS NECESSARY FOR A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN THE SUSTAINER TO TAKE PLACE, ITS NOT A QUESTION OF DISLOYALTY, ITS A QUESTION OF THE TENDENCY'S RIGHT TO EXIST. IF WE DID NOT DO THIS WE COULD NOT FUNCTION, WE DON'T GET ANY BIG GRANTS FROM BRUSSELS OR PARIS, THATS THE REALITY. AFTER THE WORLD CONGRESS THOSE COMRADES WHO'VE REDUCED THEIR SUSTAINER WILL RAISE IT.

NOW AS FAR AS THERE IS ONE COMRADE FROM THE INTERNATIONALIST TENDENCY WHO HAS A LARGE DEBT, THAT LARGE DEBT STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT THIS PERSON IS IN EXTREMELY BAD FINANCIAL SITUATION, THIS PERSON HAS TO BORROW DIMES FROM ME TO USE THE PHONE, IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS POLITICAL SITUATION. AND ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT , I MEAN IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED SINCE OVE BROUGHT UP THIS WHOLE THING IS THAT NOT ALL THE MONEY THAT GOES TO THE NATIONAL PARTY IS BEING USED MERELY TO FINANCE THE PARTY'S PUBLIC ACTIVITY, A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF IT IS BEING USED TO FINANCE THE LENINIST TROTSKYIST FACTION. THE LENINIST TROTSKYIST FACTION IN THE UNITED STATES AS I UNDERSTAND DOES NOT HAVE SEPERATE FINANCES, SEPERATE BOOKS, IT ALL GOES THROUGH THE PARTY. AND THAT MEANS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONALIST TENDENCY ARE FINANCING A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION THEY ARE OPPOSED TO.