

October 20, 1971

To All Districts and National Committee Members

Dear Comrades:

Some months ago the Political Committee set up a sub-committee consisting of Hy Lumer, Claude Lightfoot and Jose Ristorucci to take up with Comrade Paul Novick the question of his Party status and to make recommendations to the Political Committee on this matter.

The sub-committee met with Paul Novick and placed before him the question: "How do you reconcile your continued membership in the Party with your open opposition to basic Party policies?" He stated that he would prefer to answer the question in writing. We enclose his written reply, addressed to the Political Committee.

Accompanying it is a statement of charges presented by the sub-committee. The Political Committee plans to present these to the National Committee for consideration at its coming meeting, under the provisions of the Party Constitution, Article VIII.

We ask that in the time available the district leaderships discuss these documents with reference to a) proposed action on the question of Paul Novick's Party status and b) strengthening the ideological struggle on the issues involved within the districts and particularly at the club level. All National Committee members should likewise study the documents with these points in mind.

Comradely,

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Hy Lumer
For the Political Committee

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