

To: members of the Boston branch
From: Mike

Enclosed are three documents from the 1975 convention. In preparing for this year's convention discussions, it would be worthwhile to have a branch discussion on those critical documents of last years convention that served as motivation for the important turn the organization took towards agitational work and direct leadership in the class. The majority of this branch, in fact the majority of the national organization, joined the IS only after the convention, and a systematic discussion of these critical documents will be useful.

The coming two months, in addition to all our other work, is a time for the most exhaustive political preparations for the upcoming convention. Comrades should be aware that, in addition to everything else, time should be put aside in your own schedules for sufficient time to read and consider the forthcoming convention resolutions; and prepare to discuss them at branch meetings. Yes indeed, in addition to all the other priority work, sufficient time for pre-convention discussion, and adequate preparation for this discussion, is also a priority.

This years documents, which will be available for discussion and amendment within two weeks, are an evaluation of our work in the last period and, as such, flow directly from the perspectives adopted last year. In addition, their style presupposes a familiarity with the specifics of the '75 documents, and builds on them, rather than being wholly self contained analyses.

I am proposing the following time-table. For this coming monday meeting, read and
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prepare to discuss Geier-Economic and Political Perspectives. The following week will be last minute preparations for the Tyler demo, so we must plan a special meeting for pre-convention discussion during the week of the 23rd-this can be decided Monday.

For that meeting, be prepared to read and discuss (2) For a Workers Combat Organization
(The Turn Toward Agitation,) and (3) Democratic Centralism. (the IS, The Revolutionary Party)

If you have any questions or comments, ring me at home.

PS-Included you will find one additional comment- a reply to Comrade Carl F., who, in a counter document, argued that the turn was premature, that we must remain for the interim a ~~propaganda~~ propaganda group. The reply to Carl focuses historically ~~at~~ the work and weaknesses of the Trotskyist movement, and sharpens the main point of the larger doc; it is well worth reading.]