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LETTER ON E.C. MEETING (26th Mar).

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Plans were made for various EC members and other national staff to be in key branches at the time of the MFA expiration, much tightened security for the national office and staff during the same period was also decided and there will be an EC meeting the day before expiration. Natsec in consultation with industrial organiser will decide time and city of next EC meeting. It is unlikely that this letter, or any other routine national office function will continue in the period immediately after expiration if there is a strike.

A discussion on post strike perspectives for the whole organisation had to be tabled for two weeks to allow the situation to clarify although the new plans for education and teamster recruitment after the first (national speaking tour etc) ~~were~~ will, of course, continue as these two areas clearly represent the areas of greatest weakness at this time.

As has become the norm the main discussion was around the teamster report. The dirisory figure offered by the bosses now raises the possibility of sanctioned action and the intervention of the government to impose a cooling off period. This possibility is to be added to the other ones that have been discussed in the past. There is very little feeling ~~for~~ for opposing the government, not out of fear for consequences but out of ideological commitment to "the law of the land". We are still proceeding on the view that there is likely to be strike action (r&f or official) and the Cleveland centre is being set up to be a national headquarters with daily bulletins. IS headquarters will rest with kim and joel in cleveland too for this period, to all intents and purposes. Preparations for UPS central states strike continue with various successful regional "strategy" meetings. UPSurge now has unified position on the reaction to an MFA strike though there are still clearly some important differences between us and the other force in this operation (L'ville chief steward) particularly around the fighting fund. Also becoming abundantly clear that this is going to be quite a strike, the company seems ready to fight to the death.

\* In Portugal the working class upsurge continues to grow, become national strike wave and be increasingly political. Textile and building unions just adopted socialist programs for their industry's, a fact not unrelated to the presence (growing) there of the PRP. CP tried to stop building workers strike, were not successful in the south which demonstrates that the PRP is now able to counterpose itself to the CP on the local level in some places. As WP explains the PRP is now under attack from the government, though it is clearly a government weaker than at any time since Nov 25th.

The EC decided that over the course of the next few months there would be a branch established in New Jersey. The personnel for this will come from the NY teamster branch, which has been weakened recently by the moving of Joe to Detroit. There will be a district organiser, probably the present organiser of the telephone branch.

Report on the intervention at the UAW Bargaining Convention made it clear that the CGC is beginning to have an impact ~~on~~ (although it should be recognised that at this early date there is certainly no mass contract feeling in the plants) and equally as important, IS members are increasingly

regarded as a serious (though extreme) part of the union rather than the outlaws we used to be projected as. These developments bode well for the continuation of our perspective to make the CGC the only broad force in the union pressuring the bureaucrats against a sell-out. Each of our base locals brought new people to the CGC conference and though we did not do as well as we had projected it was very clear that we were in a totally different league than any other group and had some real forces in the union around us. We now have to put everything into making the campaign as real and impressive as possible. We have to unite everybody around actions on the basic program and must avoid the sectarian "do we have to work with these shits?" reaction. We will close down Network in favor of a coalition paper as long as we can get the minimum control we need (there is no reason to think we can't), ensure that the CGC has all the actions and trappings of a mass campaign and spread it to other locals not yet infected. The other leg of our strategy will be WP which will now have to be used much more vigorously by the branches inside and around the plants, but we recognize as well that the content will have to be improved for auto.

Finally it was decided that the provisional decision to have Mayday rallies in every ~~xxx~~ branch would be dropped in favor of a more flexible approach to our public meetings for that period. The national teamster speaking tour, the UPS strike, etc would interfere with Mayday in some branches. It was decided that the natsec would work to ensure all branches had a large political meeting but would only organize Mayday rallies in the places that could seriously hack it. Reports from Pittsburgh & the Chairman of the Black Caucus were also taken but no action was proposed on the contents at this time.

GLENN WOLFE.

PLEASE NOTE.....1) There was a WP special put out at weekend for teamsters. It is a giveaway and should be used in ~~WEEK~~ mass distributions as part of a political counter to red-baiting. It could have particular use on picket lines if things fall out that way. Ensure that your branch has plans for using it, and remember we can send you more.

2) Almost \$5,000.00 is owed to Workers Power by the branches at this point in time. That is money that could be well spent somewhere else at the moment, like reducing our large corporate debt. The EC demands of the branch leaders that action is taken on this immediately because the mass agitational work we are now doing is propelling us into a financial crisis on a scale unknown in our history. We ~~are~~ are okay for another month because of single source large donations but we have come to the limit of those for the time being and we now face immense difficulties in financing our work.

3) With the next edition of workers power the branches will receive all necessary information and literature on the new dues system. As the system will not be operated for another month it should not be distributed to the members until the execs have seen and discussed it. Any problems, call Pam.

4) There will also be the education bulletin and news of the month in the next paper. There are enough copies for all members and the educ/bull should be used as the basis for branch/fraction collective discussion. The news publication is not just for info', the "buddies" of new members should try and discuss it with them.

Thankyou.....GW(3/29/76).