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STATEMENT ON THE RESIGNATION OF MIKE P. FROM THE EC

On Tuesday, September 14, Mike P. resigned from the National Executive Committee of the IS. The reason he gave for his resignation was that he felt he was "making no contribution to the Executive Committee." He also announced his intention to give up the post of Detroit District Organizer, but he agreed with the EC to stay on in that job as long as Christmas if necessary.

For two weeks prior to his resignation, the EC argued with Mike in an effort to convince him to remain a member of the committee. We made a serious attempt to find some formula that would fit both his personal requirements and the overall needs of the organization. We regret that in the end, we were unable to come up with any proposal that he found acceptable. We still seek some formula that he would accept, and that would therefore permit him to return as a responsible member of the committee.

It is important to note that Mike has made it clear that he is not resigning with the intent of starting a political fight in the organization. He recognizes, as does the entire EC, the dangers of irresponsible political fights at this time that could have no useful outcome. But we know that many comrades, are going to be fearful that Mike's resignation will be the signal for an internal fight, despite his intentions.

When things are not going well externally, when the world is not moving in the ways we expect or want, when some members start cutting back on their level of activity, or start leaving the organization, a climate develops for political groping. There is a tendency for internal tensions and fights to develop as comrades begin blaming one another for what is wrong. We all understand this. But recognizing the problem is not enough to overcome the danger.

We are now launching a periphery building campaign. Mike was one of the EC comrades who made a definite contribution to the formulation of this campaign. Together with the periphery campaign a number of correctives to our perspectives are being presented by the EC to the NC for discussion. These should all help to straighten out the current dislocations in the organization.

Many of the differences of opinion that Mike had with the EC majority for at least two years, still continue to exist. But he is not leaving on the basis of any significant new difference. Nor is he leaving on the basis of political disagreement with any new direction being charted. We want it clearly understood throughout the organization, that despite Mike's departure from the EC, we intend to give him our full support in his job of organizing the Detroit District, the most important district in the organization. We respect the fact that Mike has agreed to continue this role, despite our belief that his resignation from the EC was a serious mistake on both the personal and the political level.

There will be an opportunity for full discussion of Mike's resignation at the National Committee meeting.

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I fully support this statement and have therefore decided not to use the opportunity offered to me by the EC to circulate my own statement on this question

Mike P. 16 September 1976