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Attn: Jack Barnes

Comrades of the Socialist Workers Party:

You are certainly aware that on Saturday, February 28th, the Workers League is sponsoring a forum "How the GPU Killed Trotsky" at Tishman Auditorium, New York University, 40 Washington Square South at 8:00 pm. This meeting is the first in a nation-wide series on the same subject. There is no question that the WL's main purpose is to use these forums as a platform from which to propagate the scurrilous and totally unfounded charges that Joseph Hansen and George Novack, leading members of your organization, functioned as "accomplices" of the GPU in the events surrounding Trotsky's assassination.

As a rule the WL excludes its political critics from these "public" events, a practice which is a violation of the norms of workers democracy and one which we note you have adopted vis a vis the WL at a recent forum in New York City. The unprincipled nature of the Healyite charges do not excuse an equally unprincipled exclusion on your part.

The Spartacist League plans to hold a picket line demonstration which will center on protesting the Healyites' despicable slanders against Hansen and Novack. We are inviting you to participate with, of course, your own banners, slogans and propaganda. It would indeed be unfortunate if the WL were able to purvey these infamous charges to the audience at Tishman Auditorium with no visible response by the Socialist Workers Party. Certainly Trotsky, who put so much effort into refuting the Moscow Trials slanders, would not remain silent on such an occasion. We will begin the demonstration in front of the auditorium at 7:30 pm Saturday, February 28th. Please communicate your answer to this invitation to us by calling our New York local, (212) 925-5665.

Comradely,  
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