

To the Leadership of the Fourth International

The Political Committee of the Liga Operária (Brazil) ~~has~~ decided to clarify its political position on Portugal and Angola, adopted at its last national convention and its relationship of the Leninist Trotskyist Faction to the entire Fourth International.

1. In summary, the second national convention of the Liga Operária approved the following position:

a. We consider the Portuguese process to be a workers, socialist revolution in progress.

b. We ~~consider~~ characterize the current stage of the Portuguese process as pre-revolutionary.

c. The main ^(strategic) task of revolutionists there is to promote and develop the organs of dual power and, on the tactical level, to promote and ^ddevelop the struggles for democratic rights, defense of the standard of living, and the agrarian reform.

d. The building of a great mass Trotskyist party in Portugal assumes fundamental importance.

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a party capable of leading the masses to victory in the socialist revolution and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Such a task falls on the two Trotskyist groups now existing in Portugal and requires full support from the Fourth International.

e. With regard to Angola, we characterize the MPLA as a ~~proletarian~~ revolutionary movement of national liberation.

f. Faced with the civil war, our position should be to support the military camp of the MPLA while maintaining our organizational independence and fighting for the development of organs of dual power, for the expropriation of the imperialists, and for a workers and peasants government.

2. With regard to the LTF, the Liga Operária had set a deadline of three months for ~~all the members of~~ the faction as a whole) to hold another meeting to work out a common position on Portugal and Angola, on the basis of which their remaining in that body would be decided.

3. That deadline has passed without another meeting having taken place.

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The political positions of that time on the revolutionary processes in question remain the same, positions we deeply disagree with. Thus, we feel it our duty as Trotskyist revolutionists to withdraw from the faction. Meanwhile, we reaffirm our position of maintaining the fraternal relations that always characterized our dealings with the comrades who remain in the LTF.

4. The Liga Operária also decided to attend and actively participate in the meeting initiated by the Partido Socialista de los Trabajadores of Argentina ^{that} ~~which~~ will be held by the parties that left the LTF previously, for the purpose of discussing the Portuguese and Angolan revolutions, and the possibility of forming a new tendency or faction.

5. We are therefore asking the leadership of the Fourth International to inform all ^{co-thinking} ~~brother~~ parties of our decision.

FOR THE VICTORY OF THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION!

FOR THE UNITY OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

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cc. PST (Argentina) and SWP (United States)