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December 17, 1976

TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed for your information is a letter to the SWP Political Committee from the Bureau of the United Secretariat concerning a motion passed by the Central Committee of the French LCR, together with a reply to the LCR Central Committee by Jack Barnes for the SWP Political Committee.

Comradely,

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Political Committee, Socialist Workers Party
New York, N. Y.

Dear Comrades,

Attached please find two motions for your information. The first is a motion adopted by the Central Committee of the Ligue Communiste Revolutionnaire, French section of the Fourth International. The second motion was adopted by the United Secretariat of the Fourth International at its November 13-14, 1976, meeting.

Comradely,
s/ Otto, for the Bureau of the United Secretariat

TRANSLATION

Motion of the Central Committee of the LCR, French Section of the Fourth International, Concerning SWP/OCI Contacts.

The CC of the LCR protests the fact that a delegation from the Political Committee of the SWP, passing through Paris, saw fit to go to the headquarters of the OCI and while there to discuss the Amiens affair with leaders of that organization, before meeting with the LCR leadership and without even informing them or asking their opinion on the advisability of such a discussion. All this is contrary to motions adopted by the United Secretariat (see Documentation Internationale No. 6 -- November 1976 the French IIDB). The CC encharges the Political Bureau to request an explanation from the leadership of the SWP for such conduct.

Motion of the United Secretariat

The United Secretariat approves the request made by the French LCR Central Committee and strongly recommends to the SWP Political Committee to reply to the request. The United Secretariat further recommends to the SWP to comply with the recommendations made in the motion "Relations With Trotskyist Organizations or Groups Claiming to Be Trotskyist, which are Outside the Fourth International" adopted at the July 3-4, 1976 meeting of the United Secretariat.

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Central Committee of the LCR,
French Section of the Fourth International

Dear Comrades,

The Bureau of the United Secretariat of the Fourth International has forwarded to us your motion stating among other things that "a delegation from the Political Committee of the SWP, passing through Paris, saw fit to go to the headquarters of the OCI and while there to discuss the Amiens affair with leaders of that organization, before meeting with the LCR leadership and without even informing them or asking their opinion on the advisability of such a discussion."

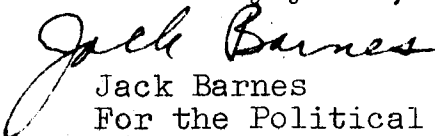
The facts are different. Three members of the Socialist Workers Party visited the OCI headquarters to discuss with Comrade Lambert his speaking at a protest meeting to be held in London over the frame-up campaign being waged by the Healyites against leading Trotskyists, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Fourth International. This was in accordance with the decision made by the Bureau of the United Secretariat to support the protest meeting, and the wish of the leadership of the IMG to know definitely whether Comrade Lambert could be counted on to be one of the speakers.

The speaking engagement was arranged satisfactorily with Comrade Lambert. In the course of the conversation, he gave us a copy of a letter sent to the editor of Rouge concerning the Amiens affair, in which the OCI leadership denied any responsibility for the reported incident.

The three members of the SWP reported all of this at once to a leading member of the LCR in Paris. No norms of democratic centralism or decisions of the United Secretariat were violated.

So far as the Amiens incident was concerned, we urged the LCR to conduct an objective inquiry into the facts, offering our opinion that the LCR should take the initiative in seeking a joint effort with the OCI to ascertain the truth. We also urged the LCR to publish a political response to the letter of the OCI proposing a common slate in the seventh arrondissement of Paris, so as not to leave the initiative on this matter solely in the hands of the OCI.

Comradely yours,



Jack Barnes
For the Political Committee
Socialist Workers Party

cc: United Secretariat