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For a long time everyone proclaimed the line of the FIR and no one applied it. There was harmony; my photograph and my "celebrated phrases" appeared in all the publications of the FIR.

Now, after a difficult struggle, some of the comrades have decided to carry out the line of the FIR in practice.

What remained for the rest? Become active or leave the party. They found another alternative: They discovered that the line of the FIR was "obsolete" and that it was necessary to follow a different line.

Majority? Of course they are "majority"! The same people who proclaimed the line and would not carry it out. They are an overwhelming majority of inactivists.

The FIR activists, who are now indeed increasing, are a small group.

I am deeply convinced that a Bolshevik party is an indispensable requisite for the Peruvian revolution and that a nucleus now exists that will serve as a base to construct it.

I consider it my duty to the Peruvian and world revolution to devote my fullest efforts to this valuable nucleus.

This is more important than maintaining unity with inactivists.

That this is injurious internationally?

Trotskyism is strengthened much more by a genuinely active Trotskyist party in Peru than by a large number of people who agree on singing praises to the "President of the FIR" Hugo Blanco and on being inactive.

The demonstration in practice of the effectiveness of the Trotskyist line is more beneficial to Trotskyism than the abstract "figure of Hugo Blanco" and the idyllic memory of Chaupimayo.

This will serve to injure my personal prestige? That the role I have to play "is much greater than the role of a leader of a small organization or of a tendency in that organization"?

We are followers of Trotsky, comrade. He preferred to be a leader "of a tendency" and then "of a small organization." And this served naturally to "lower his personal prestige" -- and how!

That we should not become involved in the Argentinian split, we are in complete agreement.

I do not know nor could I know much about the Argentinian problem.

If this has had some influence in Peru, it is, it appears, owing to the inactivist majority receiving "ideological sustenance" justifying its breaking with the line of the FIR.

I assume that you will now understand that the delay in my book (which will only be a pamphlet) is not the result of negligence, but of intense activity.

I am in fine health. Thanks.

Greetings,

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