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Dear Gus,

A telephone call from J-P indicated that there was a fight at the congress of the Colombian PST over Ricardo. The fight began over whether to admit him to the congress, with Moreno opposed. J-P reported that the fight expanded to include charges that the Moreno leadership manipulated the PST and its finances, etc. As a result, Moreno is supposedly coming over here to live.

No political differences were reported. J-P thinks politically the PST is doing good. Just before the congress they had a public meeting of 3,000, he reports.

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The Secretariat received the same invitation to attend the GSTQ convention as the SWP did. The bureau wants to know if you or another observer of the Secretariat from New York can go representing the Secretariat.

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I think Rodrige should send a copy of Alfonso's letter directly to the Secretariat and another copy to me. If you have copies you could do this.

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The translation of Gus' reply to Moreno done by Manifiesto Obrero might be desired by other groups. I suggest that we send other Spanish-speaking groups a copy.

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Bruce Landau sent copies of some letter to the Secretariat at the old address. He should use the new address in the future. I assume these letters are coordinated with you.

I noted that in reply to a number of comrades requesting discussion bulletins, we have written them giving them the list and implying that they would have to pay for any they ordered. I want to raise whether we should not send a representative sample of the most important bulletins free right away at least to comrades in colonial countries, as well as the list for any others they might want to order.

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We had a preliminary discussion concerning Imprecor and IP. Ernest's position remains the necessity to put out a single, identical magazine of the United Secretariat in as many languages as possible. He is willing to "compromise" with IP. His "compromise" is as follows: 1) A new name; 2) IP prints all material from the French magazine; 3) IP produces its own material in addition edited by IP; 4) IP should check with the bureau before printing items IP thinks might be controversial although this isn't a condition; 5) Material in the French magazine would include items first produced by the IP staff.

Concerning the French and Spanish magazines, and others if they

can be done, Ernest's position is that these must be edited by the bureau. However, the work of translation, setting, proofreading, printing and distribution will be done by the French and Spanish sections, who will also be responsible for the finances.

I proposed that the bureau do no editing at all, but that the bureau and Secretariat, as a result of political discussions, put out statements, ask individuals to write articles, etc, on the important political questions as they arise, and that these be sent to IP, the French magazine, the Spanish magazine. These magazines would be edited by people appointed by the sections or sympathizing groups, would not be identical but reflect the different needs of these magazines and would not have to have the same name.

Duret and Aubin tended to agree with my proposal on the grounds that for the center to function properly, it should get rid of not only all the technical and financial burden but also the editing task. Ernest accused them of "changing their position." This will again be taken up at the next bureau I will attend in two weeks, because they want to talk to the French about whatever proposal is agreed to. IP will be discussed when we have a larger delegation here for the next Secretariat and dissolution of INT meetings.

While tending to agree with my proposal, Duret and Aubin have not yet decided whether they are going to fight for it, and at present still are for changing IP's name.

Barry