

INTERNATIONAL MARXIST GROUP

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Dear Comrades,

We wish to communicate to you the following resolution which was passed at the Political Committee of the IMG on July 31st 1971:

"The PC of the IMG regrets that a shortage of money prevents it sending a representative to the convention of the SWP and forces it to restrict itself to sending a fraternal message. Comrades Adair and Williams will, we understand, be present at the convention. The PC must explain, however, that these comrades are not official representatives of the IMG nor do they support the political line of the IMG. These comrades are not authorised to speak at your convention and their visit is a purely personal one as far as the IMG is concerned."

"We have also heard that Comrade Williams is speaking at an SWP Cadre School after the Convention. While we have no objection on principle to leaders or members of minorities of national sections speaking to other sections, we are perturbed that the IMG leadership that the IMG leadership was not informed of this and a majority member was not invited to attend to present the views of the British section. We would therefore like a tape of Comrade William's speech to be made available to us."

Yours fraternally,

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IMG MESSAGE TO SWP CONVENTION

The International Marxist Group (British Section of the Fourth International) sends fraternal greetings to the Cleveland (1971) Convention of the SWP. We regret that shortage of money prevents us from sending a representative to a Convention which we are sure reflects the historic growth of American Trotskyism.

The work of the SWP in the anti-war movement, which has placed the party in the vanguard of the anti-war movement and at the head of hundreds of thousands of people opposed to imperialism's war in Asia, has been of immense value and has given prestige to our entire movement, not least in embattled North Vietnam where The Militant is often quoted to give evidence of opposition in the heart of the imperialist monster.

As you probably know we have doubled our forces in Britain over the last year, though we still have to contend with two large groups which claim to be Trotskyist. Our last conference took a very definite orientation to try to gain an implantation in the working class and we are at the moment working out a political strategy related to that orientation.

We note with enthusiasm that the American working class seems to be poised today on the verge of important new struggles and we are confident that the SWP will intervene in these struggles with the same determination with which it has led the anti-war movement or more relevant, the same exemplary heroism which it displayed during the Thirties in the face of capitalist repression and Stalinist thuggery.

Comrades, we want to assure you that, despite our differences on certain important questions confronting our movement, we stand for the unity of the Fourth International and we hope that our debates will be conducted fraternally and within the framework of the movement as a whole. We are confident that the SWP will go from strength to strength and, by gaining a strong base in the working class, will wipe that Stalinist abortion which goes by the name of the Communist Party, off the political map of the United States.

LONG LIVE THE SWP!

FOR THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION IN NORTH AMERICA!

LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!