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Political Committee

Dear Comrades:

I have received the mailing of Feb. 8, 1974, and the attached report on Tasks and Perspectives by Doug Jenness given to the New York City local convention Jan. 26th.

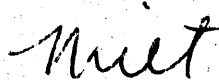
On page 12 of this report Comrade Jenness states, "We also extended critical support to three of their (the CP) candidates in the elections and published an Open Letter on this. This facilitated some individual debates and discussions with CPers and YWLLers."

Unfortunately Comrade Jenness did not call the attention of the membership to the error in principle that this Open Letter contained and warn against further errors of this kind.

In the transcript of the PC Nov. 2, 1973, discussion on the question of critical support to Communist Party candidates, Comrade Barnes said, "It's true that the Pittsburgh comrades made an error; (describing the CP as a party in the socialist movement-M.A.) we made the bigger error in running it in The Militant without discussing it with them. And then we made a little bit of an error in our New York open letter." This letter also described the C.P. as part of the socialist movement.

I don't think that the best way to educate the membership of our party is to ignore errors of this kind. I must protest the way this matter was reported to the N. Y. membership. It looks like an attempt to sweep the error under the rug.

Comradely,



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