

RESOLUTION ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AN
INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT PC

1. The Workers Party recognizes as one of its prime tasks to help in the reassembling and political clarification of the scattered and decimated forces of revolutionary socialism in the world.

2. It does not, however, view the realization of this task through the artificial creation of international organizations which, in presuming to speak for and to the world working class, serve only to discredit the very idea of a socialist international. Thus, the Workers Party rejects completely and in advance any effort to erect a new socialist International, while the forces for that International represent no more than a few isolated sects. A new socialist International must be capable, organizationally and politically, of speaking for a significant section of the working class.

3. The Fourth Internationalist movement has declared its own doom as an international center of revolutionary regroupment by its demonstrated inability to assess the major issues of our day, notably with respect to Stalinism, the national struggle and the struggle for democracy. Politically it has tended to degenerate increasingly into the left-wing of Stalinism. It has become a futile alignment of grouplets without any semblance of mass influence. The leadership of the Fourth International has, by its pretentious claims to world authority, merely underscored the sectarian sterility of the Fourth. Bureaucratically dominated, politically discredited, it can in no way serve as a center of revolutionary attraction today.

4. All recent experience with the Fourth International requires that the Workers Party abandon any attempt to seek membership in it. To do so would, in its opinion, require an intolerable violence to its program, given the bureaucratic decisions and regimes of the Fourth leadership; it would as well undermine the seriousness with which a socialist international must be approached in concept and achievement. However, the Workers Party remains, as it always has been, ready to collaborate in closest fraternal association and discussion with the comrades and groups of the Fourth International. The Workers Party holds that to become part of the organization of the Fourth would, in actuality, block the discharge of its international responsibilities.

5. The work of the party during the last few years indicates the direction of the party's work and its possibilities. The party's literature and correspondence has had a marked effect in redressing the political direction of numerous Marxists and Marxist groups. Where the party began with virtually no international contacts a few years ago, it has, through patient and fraternal political intervention, made its influence felt widely among Fourth International groups, and outside these as well. It has undertaken a special responsibility with respect to promoting an understanding of Stalinism, and discharged that responsibility with considerable suc-

cess among the many friends it has established in the European countries.

6. The pattern of international development to the point where the working class can once again look upon a specific body as its international spokesman, as with the great Internationals of the past, cannot now be foreordained. It cannot be "legislated" into existence by a handful of revolutionists. Maintaining the closest association with the various socialist elements, revolutionary Marxist and centrist, who are prepared to discuss principles and program with us, to work with us toward common objectives, we can contribute significantly in elaborating an international program and laying that organizational groundwork which will eventually bear fruit in a world-wide organization of socialist labor. Such an organization cannot be conceived or established exclusively by "Trotskyist" groups or on the basis of ultimatic demands that the "Trotskyist" program be adopted. The socialist International will be reconstructed by a mutual clarification and fusion of various revolutionary currents. Towards that end the Workers Party stands ready to collaborate actively in all efforts designed to promote such programmatic clarification (as, for example, a periodical for international socialist discussion) and the growth of revolutionary forces. Towards that end the Workers Party is prepared to work in intimate collaboration with such groups as the ASR and RDR in France, the POUM in Spain and similar tendencies in other lands. In this collaboration, the Workers Party will continue to put forward the principles and policies which it has worked out in the past eight years and seek, in comradely discussion with all others, to have its views incorporated into the foundation of the new International.

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