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note: on the double-standard argument

IMT charges LTF with doing things in contradiction with

LTF organizational procedures —

Not true. But, Even if LTF did such things,

Does IMT think that this is wrong? If so, then
this is a condemnation of what IMT does —
— two wrongs don't make a right —

Hugo -

need to answer

- 1) IT had no trial
- 2) IT has self-criticized so why not let them back in

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Pp 2-3

Movement can be built only through the sections

- must vigorously oppose splits

Canada

USA

4 SWP ^{charge of} parallel IMT bodies = questioning substantive
right to form tendencies

5 then tries to shift ground - [they no longer deny structure -- (now that they are caught red-handed)
but then move on to argue]
- the right to consult does exist
(secret faction) || they admit now, things that we charged before, that they used to deny

5-6 OK for IMT to argue against a split by FT
and keep such discussions secret
+ a coverup

6 LTF does the same

mtgs prior to Udec

7 documentary evidence of a faction center
- who decides - allocation of funds
correspondence, etc

I.P. - decision to publish in Spanish
decision to add to staff - from other countries

8- attack on PST - ^{for} defense of the institutions of bourgeois democracy
LTF should have disassociated immediately
instead, it sought, behind backs of the elected leadership,
to patch up internal differences.

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practice of LTF vis a vis threatened splits

9 1. Canada - Canadian nationalism

Jack - flew up

led to formation of Dawson faction

[contrast JG - on invitation
met with both sides
Ernest - document
- secret]

Dawson had decided to split
we never informed

[irony: Ken Lewis up in
Canada meeting with
the splitters]

2. Mexico

never informed U.Sec or other

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SWP - probably exercised a restraining influence

PST - less probable that they acted in the same way

3. Tony Roberts

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they assume we knew beforehand of his split

[note: we condemned them it occurred]

4. IT

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decision made by SWP on June 20 to expect
but SWP leadership never brought it up
before the U.Sec.

11-12 double standard = LTF wants one standard for itself, but constraints on IMT

IT didn't split - was expected

no trial // IT didn't have a chance
to defend itself

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final members of BMG, RMC, S.U.

IT mistake not to inform, but all for
good intention

Catching this in
IMT action of PT intervening
all the time

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LTF does it too

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- 13-14 1. Britain - Tendency contacted
RSL
even to speak before
an aggregate
- [Tony Roberts
- Germany - Pierre Frank]
- 14 2. PST contacting Bolivian persons + groups [in Argentina]
- 14 3. Blanco - in Portugal contacted groups outside FI
gave a friendly interview to the French Lambertistes
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- 14-15 IT did have irresponsible statements
but made "an appropriate self-criticism"
- IT ^{now} prepared to accept SWP discipline - not for tactical
reasons, but because they believe in building the SWP
- it is wrong to expel IT for opinions expressed
- 15-16 IT selling of Inprecor + other = merely following
example of British Tendency
- without asking advice or permission - began
selling IP et al
Particulars
- [Fact Finding commission report]
IEC mtg; Vic
- 17 IT - factional exclusion from assignments
factional recruitment policy
- 17-18 SWP war speech
place all resources at disposal of platform of a faction
- 18 Quotes L.T. - New Course
Stalinists asked all members to inform of any
secret groups or factions
Trottsky replied - seek first the conditions that
brought members to form secret groups

- 19 - need an int'l control commission -
members all over the world have no means to check any & sundry accusations
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- 18 - reject special w.c.
- 19 - such a w.c. could well result in a split
it is an attempt to use organizational grievances to
nullify political verdict of 10th c. — leadership
- 20 to call a w.c. on non-political matters
- 20 grievances against LTF
- refusal to send main leaders
- maintenance of LTF post w.c.
- stop dues & other support
- 21 LTF initiated every step that intensified factionalism
- 22 no LTFers have been expelled,
but one IMT group has been

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IMT - points relevant to Bulletin #3

1. 5 - IMT ^{"warned"} ~~advised~~ the IT against any course or step that could lead to their expulsion from the SWP.
- 5-6 - simply a matter of best way for a legal tendency to function
- 12 - IT denies ever having split or having had the intention of splitting
IT expelled for violating discipline // but no trial
articles 29h and 43 of FI statutes
- 13 - D.M. at IT convention { = only charges
BmG, RMC, SU =
IT acted incorrectly in not fully safeguarding SWP
but, under advice of ~~IMT~~ IMT that has made set crit.
& changed their course
- 14-15 ≡ some SWP charges against IT are not real breaches of discipline
1) IT: irresponsible statements by individuals already open
- a) have been retracted
b) are only opinions // can't expel comrades for
opinions
- 2) IT now says they are willing to accept SWP discipline
-- not for tactical reasons --
but because they believe in building the SWP
- 2) IT was really a tightly knit faction
its activities (finances, org. Mol. sales, etc.) are unhealthy

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17. IT was only doing what Brotch Tendency does
- highly irregular -
contributes to a tense atmosphere

e.g. IT has documented {
 - factional exclusion of IT from assignments
 - factional recruitment policy

17-18 war speech
voted to place all resources of SWP at disposal of LTF
what moral authority could SWP leadership have had

irony = - p. 18.¹⁹ comrades all over the world "have no means to
check any and sundry accusations against this or that
comrade or group of comrades"