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(Translation)

To Peter Camejo

Copies to SWP Political Committee
LTF Steering Committee

Dear Peter:

We received the attached text at the February 16-17 meeting of the Executive Committee, by way of the Catalonian National Committee. As you can see, it accuses you of expressing positions outside the Liga Comunista contrary to those of our party or its bodies.

The Executive Committee felt that we should first verify the truth or falsity of the facts, so it decided to ask for your version with regard to the accusations. At the same time the EC is seeking ways to consult the LC members who, according to the text, attended your talk. This has not been possible since it has been reported to us that all of them have quit the party.

If it is possible, we would like your answer as quickly as possible. This text was also addressed to the Central Committee and we have a plenum coming up very soon.

Communist greetings,

Carmen

March 12, 1977

TRANSLATION

To the Central Committee and the Executive Committee
(by way of the Catalanian National Committee)

Comrades: In the days immediately following the first Central Committee meeting this year, some ex-militants of the party (who had been members of the TO) invited some comrades of the LC (concretely, four members from Baix Llobregat) to a talk by P. Camejo the TO had called.

At that meeting P. Camejo mentioned, among other things, some internal party matters that should not go outside our ranks, especially since the majority of the members do not even have reliable knowledge of them. P. Camejo talked about positions that he attributed to Comrade Roberto, relating to Roberto's characterization of Stalinism and his evaluation of the course of the Fourth International to which we adhere. P. Camejo accused Comrade Roberto and his followers (!) of sectarian positions--shown by Roberto's emphasis on the characterization of other positions, on the focus of the debates, and on his continual references to principled questions. P. Camejo carried these evaluations much further, pointing out the dynamic of the method and course of Comrade Roberto and his followers (!), emphasizing that it was placing them outside the LTF and the Fourth International. P. Camejo insisted on the necessity of combating these positions and those who hold them, and, of course, of setting an example. On the other hand he did not do more than allude to the positions he was criticizing, giving such a one-sided, biased, and insufficient picture of them that none of those present could form any opinion counter to the evaluations, accusations, and characterizations P. Camejo produced.

Those attending the meeting were ex-members of the party who had been in the TO, militants invited by the TO, and persons outside our ranks since before the split with the TO. Thus, such internal questions of the LC, which many of our own militants have never known about and which have never been published in the form of texts (it is not even known if they will be in the near future), are the topic of critical gossip for elements outside our ranks who are declared political enemies.

The results of that meeting have been bad. Two of the comrades who attended, already soft because of the loss of organizational strength resulting from the self-exclusion of the TO, upon seeing the panorama of disloyalty and the horrible example displayed by a leader of the Fourth International (who is a known member of the United Secretariat and viewed very sympathetically in Barcelona), and the bypassing of all organizational channels, arrived at the conclusion that the place they could work seriously for the workers movement was outside the organization, and they resigned. (The process of regaining these comrades, taking into account their youth, their

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condition as workers--one is a metalworker--and their inexperience in such proceedings, seems to be going well.)

What arises here is the need for an explanation. In the B., at least, we must respond to questions such as these: Why did P. Camejo function in this way? Did the EC know about it? Will our leadership do something to prevent these methods of functioning or must they be considered legitimate coming from an international cadre? But it is not only the B. that must deal with these questions. We must assume that there are militants raising them in other sectors. In any event, the comments of P. Camejo, the information bandied about by the TO (the ex-TO), by the LCR, and by independents (information from after the rupture with the TO) is much too internal to be passed from mouth to mouth. Therefore we are asking for an explanation of these events from the proper body. They have already been the direct cause of the loss of two militants.

Political Secretary of Baix Llobregat
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