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Dear Jack,

Tonight I had a chance to read some recent documents from Spain. I was quite pleased to learn that Gabriel is leading the tendency for participation in the elections. Gabriel is the new national secretary of the LC that replaced Roberto and I reported seems to be trying to act as a leader. Gabriel's document is essentially correct. It is also quite short (about three pages) so that you may want to have it translated.

At a meeting of the LC executive committee Gabriel's position received 5 votes and the boycott position 11. The minutes from the E.C. meeting indicate that the boycottists are starting to take the leadership. On one point where they had to decide who should visit Valencia the two currents voted against each other so that ^{the} boycottist was chosen over Gabriel the national secretary. In Valencia 15 members resigned as a group protesting the LC's politics.

In another document Charlie takes on the boycottists around the question of the international. Although his points are ~~all~~ right they lack any real understanding of the sectarian politics involved in the majority position. Gabriel's paper however does start to challenge them as leftist and sectarian. Clearly the polarization is deepening.

Comradely,
Peter

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Madrid
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New York

Dear Comrades,

This is just a note about something we learned today. Among all the LC's other problems, they have a Lambertist tendency here in Madrid, with 2 members on the CC. Recently this tendency came out with an internal statement saying that the United Secretariat was a framework for all kinds of anti-Trotskyist currents and the LC should declare itself for reconstructing the FI along the lines proposed by the OCRFI.

The LC majority leadership asked all of them who signed to state whether they "really believed" the statement, and if they said yes they were told to leave or be expelled. Twelve left, and about nine remain in--two of them suspended since they are CC members (and they are also LTF members, by the way) until the next CC meeting.

I wanted to pass this on for whatever implications it might have in regard to the outlook of the OCRFI.

Caroline

PS: The latest Combate (LC) carries a joint statement by the LC and the independent Lambertist group (called Fourth International Organization) arguing for the boycott position.

PSS: The LC's position is to call for boycott in order to help cause the government to cancel the elections.

Note - the account of latest development with the Lambertist tendency is according to leaders of the LC majority. We haven't yet seen the Lambertist's document, José.

PSSS: Could you send us the Militant and IP (or anything else important) c/o American Express in B. We'll be there by June 8 or 10.