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To the USec Bureau

Dear Comrades,

Attached you will find a motion adopted by the last congress of KAF. As you can see in the motion itself, the congress decided to translate it into English as to make it available for the USec.

It is the motion "Answer to..." written by the Political Bureau which was adopted and nothing else. The authors of the other two motions did agree with the answer from the Political Bureau.

If there is anything about the details in the motions you want to know about, we can arrange that at the next USec meeting. *

Comradely yours,

s/Otto

Answer to the motions 5 and 6: "For a more internationalist international." and "Amendment to..."

The authors of the motion raises a real problem when they say that they can see a decline of interest for international questions among the members of KAF. As KAF has changed from a mostly propagandistic group (mainly on international questions) to an organisation with a rather big work in different mass movements our recruitment also change and comrades come to us mainly because of our line for Swedish questions. A negative effect of this positive development is exactly the one the comrades point to, less knowledge of the international class struggle and less time and interest to follow the international developments. In the extrapolation of this trend you will find "national trotskyism" which we have to fight because it threatens the very foundation of the International.

We are therefore positive to the initiative of the comrades and suggest the congress adopt some of the proposals of the comrades. We can, however, not adopt all of the concrete proposals they made.

1. Concerning the suggestion that the congress elects a special group with the goal of studying the functionment of the FI and how its work can be centralised, we ask the congress not to adopt the suggestion. It's not the task of KAF alone or together with some other section to work on that problem. The problems raised by the comrades are more general and will be treated as such within an already thought of discussion at the next world congress. A text will be worked out by the USec and discussed by the USec, IEC and all the sections. Furthermore, we do not believe that a special group in KAF isolated to itself could contribute with fruitful suggestions.

2. The second proposal of the comrades we would suggest the congress to adopt, but in a slightly changed form. We suggest the congress to elect an International Commission which will have exactly those tasks proposed by the comrades in their second point.

3. Concerning the third proposal (in "Amendment to...") we propose that the congress do not decide to send 700 kr/month as aid to the comrades in South Asia. It's not the task of KAF alone to direct the use of resources put at the disposal of the International (which by the way goes against the intentions of the comrades themselves as they ask the International to discuss more exactly its priorities), On the contrary, we propose that KAF's members in USec pose the question for the USec, i.e., if it would fall within the present priorities of the USec that KAF submits 700/kr/month to be used as the comrades propose. We also suggest that the motions of the comrades be translated to English and given to the USec.

Motion adopted unanimously by the congress

Motion #5 to KAF's VI Congress

For a more internationalist international

In this motion we will treat some questions concerning KAF's relation to other sections and central organs and the functions of the FI in general. We have noticed a sometimes frightening lack of internationalism in KAF and an equally frightening lack of coordination between different sections in the FI. We therefore would like to suggest some preliminary measures which could help to solve these difficulties...

Firstly, to give some examples of "lacking internationalism" within the KAF and FI. Our examples concern South Asia, because of our personal contacts there. But we fear that similar situations exist elsewhere. (Here follows some examples from KAF, which do not directly concern the proposals and therefore are taken out of the text//Translator comment.)

--Our section in Sri Lanka, RMP, has around 75 members. They do a good job in the trade-union movement and the student milieu, and put up four candidates in the parliamentary election last summer. But their activity and influence are very much limited because of lack of material resources. RMP doesn't even have their own mimeographing machine, and they have just one room in the CMU headquarter, their paper appears at the most each second month because of lack of technical resources to print it, they have no bookshop and they have no possibility to pay a fulltimer. All this because of a lack of resources. If we compare this with the resources used in our own party building, the question of how the FI is distributing its resources arises, if they really are used where they are mostly needed.

--(Here follows a point on lack of contacts between a comrade in Pakistan and the USec. It can be detailed orally for USec members later. Translator's comment.)

--The sections in India and Sri Lanka and the group in Pakistan has practically no contacts with each other, in spite of the fact that the struggle in South Asia in many ways is to be seen as a unity and that the revolutionary struggle in each of these countries is closely dependent on each other. One reason for the bad contacts is the lack of money to make trips. This once again raises the question of how the FI distributes its resources. Furthermore, it should be specified what role play/and should play the leadership of FI in coordinating activities of different sections.

To make FI function as an international organisation it is important to build up the international consciousness amongst the members. Furthermore show our examples above that FI sometimes has difficulties in carrying out its centralising tasks and that priorities of expenses between different tasks risk to be taken in a spontaneist, noncentralist way. As the FI is in financial difficulties, it is even more important that different expenses are weighed against each other in relation to their importance for the building of the FI as a whole. We therefore propose that our congress elects a group with the following tasks:

1. More closely study the way FI functions in order to make an analysis of the problems we pointed to possible. Before the world congress it is important that these questions are discussed in the whole of the International. The group ought therefore to work out proposals for how the FI can function in a more centralised way and to present them for discussions in KAF. Thereafter the proposals ought to be presented for the international discussion bulletin. The group should also take contacts with other sections in order to in common press for these questions before the world congress.

2. To inform the members of KAF about the work and way of functioning of the FI. (Here follows different proposals on how to better inform the members of KAF about what's going on in the International. Translator's note.)

Signed Kerstin, Andersson, Kenning Levin, Daniel, A. Mannisto, Victor B., Johansson (not in complete agreement with the concrete proposals), Ernie.

Motion No. 6 to KAF's VI Congress

"Amendment to..."

(The motion starts with a more general political description of the political situation in South Asia. And then it goes as follows, Translator's comment).

In the motion "For a more internationalist international" we have more closely pictured the problems for our comrades in Sri Lanka and Pakistan. We hope that the world congress will solve these problems. But the situation is difficult not to say acute, and the world congress is still far away. We therefore propose that KAF during the period up to the next world congress, gives 700/kr/month to the work in South Asia. This would be enough for one fulltimer in Sri Lanka and also gives resources for trips between India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan, for leaflets etc. Taking into account how few things KAF can do with 700 kr. and the many things which can be done with them in South Asia, we hope that the congress will adopt these motions, and immediately implement them.

Signed: Kerstin, Andersson, Daniël, A. Mannist
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