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June 8, 1978

TO ORGANIZERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

The attached correspondence will be of interest to all comrades, especially in those branches that have had some contact with the "Committee for a Revolutionary Socialist Party."

Comradely,



Larry Seigle
For the Secretariat

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May 5, 1978

The United Secretariat of
The Fourth International
c/o Pierre Frank
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Dear Comrades:

Revolutionary greetings on this 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Fourth International! We enclose our first issue of the Discussion Bulletin, March, 1978, published by the Committee for a Revolutionary Socialist Party in the United States of America. The article, "The Portuguese Revolution and the Struggle within the Fourth International," by Murry Weiss, is hereby submitted as a contribution to the world-wide discussion you have initiated in preparation for the Eleventh World Congress. We welcome your warm invitation to all revolutionaries to exchange views with the F.I. on its key document, "Socialist Democracy and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat," and we are eager to receive whatever international discussion bulletins are published, to contribute to them, and to send observers to the Congress under the procedural formalities you set forth.

We support your historic work with all our hearts. Long live the Fourth International--the World Party of Socialist Revolution!

Comradely yours,



Myra Tanner Weiss, for
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May 25, 1978

Myra Tanner Weiss
National Steering Committee of the
Committee for a Revolutionary Party, USA

Dear Comrade Weiss,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 5, 1978, together with an issue of your Discussion Bulletin.

Concerning your request that Comrade Murry Weiss' article, "The Portuguese Revolution and the Struggle Within the Fourth International," be submitted to the discussion preparatory to the next World Congress of the Fourth International: The official International Internal Discussion Bulletin is open to submissions from members of the sections and recognized sympathizing organizations of the Fourth International. Since the Committee for a Revolutionary Socialist Party, USA does not fall into either category, it would be inappropriate to agree to your request. Similar criteria apply to your requests to "receive whatever international discussion bulletins are published, to contribute to them, and to send observers to the Congress . . .," aside from the public discussion of "Socialist Democracy and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat." This discussion is being handled through the individual sections and sympathizing organizations concerned.

As you know, reactionary legislation prevents the Socialist Workers Party in the United States from affiliating with the Fourth International. However, the International recognizes the SWP as the sympathizing organization of the Fourth International in the United States. Your position that the SWP is hopelessly degenerated and your goal of building an organization that seeks to destroy the SWP places you in opposition to the Fourth International, and is in contradiction to your statements of support to the FI.

We do not intend to open a discussion with the Committee for a Revolutionary Socialist Party, USA on the nature of the SWP. The intent of Comrade Weiss' article cited above is to open just such a discussion. This is an additional reason for rejecting your request to participate in the upcoming World Congress and its preparation.

Fraternally,

Claudio (m)
Claudio, for the United Secretariat Bureau

cc: SWP-USA