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Gus Horowitz
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Dear Gus,

I was very pleased to receive your letter from June the 6th. I was obliged to delay my answer since I was busy issuing our paper. Now that it's on its way to print I can answer shortly to your interesting question.

It is obvious to me that if you want a fusion you need someone to lead it. From the minute we adressed the League we became the leaders of the unification process. But in order to lead a unification of the type we want you need maximal political clarity and clear cut political lines on the basis of which you can intervene in the class struggle.

It seems to me that the key to understanding the difficulties which stand in the way of the unification process is first and foremost the fact that we havent reached this desired stage yet.

It is clear to us today that the Programmatic Theses of Gus Horowitz on the Arab Revolution are only a basis on which it is possible to develop the political lines which will enable the building of the party. These Theses dont answer the question "what to do next" when we go to an Arab village, to a high school, to the factory or to the women's movement.

Our group is today in the midst of a turn which corresponds to the turn in the class struggle in our area. Sadat's visit brought fourth new political phenomena which compelled us to understand our objective place in the class struggle and the tasks which we must undertake in order to build the party. The turn we are undergoing developed as a result of a deep crisis caused by Yigal Shwartz announcement of his leaving the Secretariat due to his inability to lead the group.

I must point out that the crisis raised all the questions of party building. During four months we strove to understand the objective and subjective reasons to Yigal's leaving without any factions having developed.

We are opening now the discussions preparing our conventinn which will take place in 2 months time. We are opening an internal discussion bulletin in which we intend to make the League a partner so they will be able to contribute their political experience and in this way we will be able to lay a strong political basis which will enable us to make a principled unification. We shall send you an invitation the minute we'll have the exact date, and needless to say we'll be very happy to have you in our convention.

Notwithstanding, we continue to address the League for common activity and to reopen political discussions aiming to strengthen the unification process.

Hugo Blanco's victory in Peru, and the document on the world political situation submitted to the World Congress by the United Secretariat only deepened our confidence in the Fourth International and the perspectives it opens to the international working class. I agree with you that the fusion is a test for the Trotskyites in Israel, and yet I am sure we shall pass successfully this test too.

I would like to ask you to continue to send your material to my address in Petah Tikva and also to Michal Schwartz who is a Secretariat member, and the editor of our paper to the address:
Ariel 7, Neve Zahal, Israel.

Sincerely yours

Froimovich Yacov
Yacov Froimovich

P.S. Enclosed is our answer to the U.S.F.I.

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United Secretariat Bureau.

Dear Comrades,

We received your letter from June 2, 1978. We wish to express our satisfaction from your commitment to the perspective of uniting all the Trotskyist forces in Israel. Like you we regard the achieving of a principled fusion to be a central priority for our movement in Israel. That is the reason why we continue to strive towards this goal. We have addressed and still address the section of the Fourth International in Israel to cooperate with us, to hold discussions which will clarify on what we agree and on what we differ, to hold common political activities and common intervention in the class struggle as the best way to achieve a principled fusion. A fusion which will strengthen the basis for the building of the revolutionary party in Israel.

We have, from our part, opened discussions preparing our first convention which will take place in October. The goal of the convention is to reach political clarity and develop the basic political lines which will enable us to intervene in the class struggle and to recruit the vanguard of the national movement, the working class, the youth and the feminist movement to the ranks of the F.I.. We have no doubt that the convention will advance the unification which is one of our main goals. Thus we decided to open the pre-convention discussion to the League's members by opening the internal bulletin to any contribution from their part. We are positive that we can learn from the experience accumulated by the section in Israel and by doing so strengthen the political basis of our convention.

We should like to clarify that our group has no organizational connection with the OCFI. Due to a misunderstanding from the League's part as to our political identity, we found it necessary to emphasize the fact that the founding program of our faction in the Workers League which was confirmed by the OCFI stands on all the basic principles of the Fourth International. As you know the OCFI did not accept us to its ranks due to political disagreements as you could have realized from the Internal Information Bulletin which we sent you.

We should be most happy to have a member of the United Secretariat here in Israel, we have no doubt that you fulfill a most positive part in the fusion process, so we should be glad to talk with you about all the problems of the fusion and about local and international political questions.

Comradely,

Furiously Yacov

Yacov Froimovich, for the PCG Secretariat.

P.S. We let you know the moment will have the exact date of the convention, of course we'll be glad if a representative of the United Secretariat will be present during the convention.