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TO ORGANIZERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

The Political Committee proposes that, at the end of the pre-convention discussion in each branch, a vote be taken on the motion to approve the general line of the "Draft Political Resolution," adopted by the National Committee (Discussion Bulletin, Vol. 36, No. 8).

In the absence of counterposed political positions, defined by written resolutions put before the entire party in the pre-convention Discussion Bulletin, voting on delegates is conducted by the branch as a whole. There are no majority or minority caucuses, even if some comrades abstain or vote against the "Draft Political Resolution." All comrades in good standing can run for and vote for delegates.

If any counter-resolutions to the National Committee's "Draft Political Resolution" are distributed to the membership in the Discussion Bulletin, then any member who supports the general line of a counter-resolution may move it in opposition to the National Committee's "Draft Political Resolution."

If such a motion is made then convention delegates would be selected through caucuses as outlined in the provisions for proportional representation in the Convention Call. Even if a motion to adopt a counter-resolution to the National Committee's "Draft Political Resolution" receives fewer votes than required to have a delegate, the supporters of this motion cannot participate in the majority caucus.

When presenting the motion to vote for the "Draft Political Resolution," it should be explained that comrades who disagree with some points in the resolution, such as aspects of the analysis of Indochina, Cuba, etc., but feel that these differences do not contradict the general line of the National Committee's "Draft Political Resolution" and the tasks it puts before the party in advancing the turn, should vote for the resolution. Of course, it's up to each comrade to determine whether or not they support the general line of the "Draft Political Resolution."

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Following the vote on the "Draft Political Resolution," and prior to the election of delegates, branches are urged to also take straw votes on the general line of documents discussed in your branch pre-convention discussion. A straw vote is simply an expression of opinion for the information of the membership. These votes include:

1. "The World Political Situation and the Tasks of the Fourth International" (International Internal Discussion Bulletin, Vol. XV, No. 5) including its application to Latin America and Europe developed in the "Resolution on Latin America" (IIDB, Vol. XV, No. 6) and "The Crisis in Capitalist Europe and the Present Tasks of the Fourth International" (IIDB, Vol. XVI, No. 1)
2. "Socialist Revolution and the Struggle for Women's Liberation" (IIDB, Vol. XV, No. 4)
3. The United Secretariat majority and minority resolutions on Indochina (Intercontinental Press/Inprecor, June 4, 1979)
4. "In Defense of the Cuban Revolution: National Committee Majority Report" (Discussion Bulletin, Vol. 36, No. 1), and the "Minority Report on Cuba" by Tim Wohlforth (DB, Vol. 36, No. 2), and "The Cuban Revolution: A State Capitalist Analysis," by Flint, Kramer, and Levine (DB, Vol. 36, No. 3)
5. "The Class-Struggle Road to Winning Gay Rights," report adopted by the National Committee (DB, Vol. 36, No. 4)
6. "Turning the YSA To Industry," report adopted by the YSA National Committee (DB, Vol. 36, No. 9) and "For A Correct Orientation Towards Revolutionary Youth" (DB, Vol. 36, No. 17)

Comradely,

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