

## MAJORITY CAUCUS RESOLUTION

(1) Industrialization and industrial priorities are established policies of the ISUS. Organizing against these policies, formally or informally is prohibited until the 1978 pre-convention discussion period.

(2) Recruiting and integrating worker members and building a workers combat organization are immediate and central goals of the ISUS. To accomplish these goals, the ISUS must put major emphasis on agitation and mass work among workers. Organized opposition to these immediate and central goals or organized opposition to major emphasis on mass work and agitation inside the working class are incompatible with membership in the ISUS.

(3) The so-called "Left Faction" have effectively already left the IS. They organized an underground, secret faction. They organized themselves completely separately and in opposition to the IS in branches and fractions where they exist. They show open contempt for our members, our work, our paper. The continued presence of the "Left Faction" in the IS will cripple our work and organization, and prevent the majority of the organization from implementing our democratically decided perspectives.

Based on their continued opposition to mass work, a focus on working class recruitment, and the immediate goal of building a workers combat organization; and on their consequent indiscipline and disloyalty to the ISUS, the "Left Faction" is hereby expelled from the IS.

(4) We recognize that many members of the "Left Faction" are not firmly committed to the faction's full program, and they could, with no subterfuge, be members of the ISUS within the framework of points 1 and 2 of this resolution. In our view, the leadership of the "Left Faction" has neither the program nor the cadre to establish a new revolutionary socialist organization in the US at this time. We predict that most IS comrades who decide to leave the IS together with the leaders of the "Left Faction" will end up leaving not only the IS, but revolutionary politics as well. We urge all those in the "Left Faction" who do not share the full program of their faction's leadership to rejoin the IS.

Passed overwhelmingly  
February 19, 1977

Motion to expel "Left  
Faction" passed unanimously

## MAJORITY CAUCUS MEETING REPORT

The Majority Caucus met in Detroit on Feb., 19 and 20. At that meeting the following documents were passed as Majority Caucus documents on the basis of ammendment: Economic and Political Perspectives, Majority Caucus Statement, women's Liberation Perspectives and Black Liberation Perspectives.

The documents will all be published in the next regular bulletin for Pre-Convention discussion. The documents on building a Workers Combat Organization and Perspectives for Workers Power were not discussed. Their status is that they have been passed by the Steering Committee, Although specific sections (organizers as agents of the national organization, EC discipline, and leadership) of the Democratic Centralism section of the Workers Combat document were not agreed to by the whole Steering Committee and are in contention in terms of the Majority Caucus.

The Majority Caucus also passed the attached resolution on expelling the Left Faction at the Convention. It also passed the following motions on attitude toward the 3rd., force and on empowering the Majority Caucus Steering Committee to negotiate with the Steering Committee of the 3rd. force.

#1. Following the March 1977 Convention because of our fundamental agreement on building a Workers Combat Organization the IS will be composed of the (Then dissolved) Majority Caucus, Political Solution Groupings and independants. We believe it is imperative that the Majority Caucus attempt to aggressively win over the rest of the organization to the perspectives we are putting forward.

#2. It is the position of the Majority Caucus that the Political Solution Group is not a coherent political trend, faction or caucus, and, therefore, that they are not entitled to representation, proportional or otherwise, on the E.C.

#3. The Majority Caucus Steering Committee will not trade EC personnel either additions or deletions - for positions of expulsion in its negotiations with the 3rd. Force.

The Majority Caucus voted that it would not be disciplined on questions of democratic centralism and leadership, specifically EC slate.

However, the Steering Committee would be disciplined among itself on these questions when negotiating with the 3rd. Force.

The Majority Caucus overwhelmingly passed the following EC slate: Joel, Kim, Gay, Jack, Glenn, Dan L. and Eric.

Failure to be disciplined on all questions represents the understanding that within the Majority Caucus there are strong differences on those specific questions. The Majority came together on the basis of defense of industrialization, mass work and priorities. Since Jan.1, it has come to overall political agreement on the documents (listed above) passed as the basis of ammendment, and expulsion.

In general it was understood by the body that it would call for the dissolution of disciplined caucuses following expulsion, freeing majority delegates to support individual 3rd. force resolution that spoke to differences in the Majority.

- However, it was also generally understood that political agreement on perspectives for external work was unanimous in the majority as was there substantial agreement on the direction for internal changes.

The slate for the CC was not discussed.

27 November 1976

Comrade Susie Baby:

A real letter! Yes, that's right -- Canada writes Louisville. So how's the last week been? I can imagine being underground must be giving you ulcers already. Any new contacts? I'm very interested in the local details of your branch, because it seems like it could be a real stronghold of the struggle when it breaks out. Louisville has apparently, at least from reports from Joel, been one of the most quickly rising and quickly falling branches in the history of the IS shit list. What's the general mood, state of the branch leadership, motion with the women's caucus?

Also, do you have any short-term predictions on the role of the EC as soon as the documents come out? I imagine the first thing they'll do is divide up the names among themselves and try to individually lobby all the "soft links" they think they can break up and win over. What effects would the middle elements have around Louisville, i.e. people who are not signers but sympathetic? We'll probably have to have an equally effective lobbying network, eh? Tell me your thoughts.

But enough on factional news. I have just wanted to tell you one more time how impressed David and I were with the group, though. Comrades we would be glad to have in Canada, if we didn't know we would be irresponsible to raid your slim numbers. I can't tell you how refreshing it will be to have a genuine IS group below the border. If we were really "Fraternal" groups, the possibilities for us really building the work of one another is very great. We would not always have to go to Britain to visit our international comrades. You guys have a lot of talent, experience and skills which could really help us out. And I hope we have been and can be of some assistance to you. It's weird, though, thinking of Canadian IS helping out the US, when for so long it has been that we are only the little putzes and it's the Americans who are the established, strong, experienced etc. IS. It's still true even in your new group, that you guys are far more experienced than us in many ways. But the hierarchical and mythical image is gone. Abby, you're babbling, you know. Yes, I know.

OK, so things on this front. We're getting ready for a national meeting of all the membership on December 11 and 12. A kind of overview of the first year of federal wage controls, what to expect in year 2, what our strike work has taught, so far and where to go next. Very concrete, immediate assessments of our practice. Things have been changing so rapidly and our experiences are so limited, that we have to very frequently examine our perspectives and clear up lots of confusion.

We really have to flesh out exactly what we can and can't expect to achieve in terms of our real influence in small strikes. We've also prepared some documents on the rôle of the Editorial Board in the organization, and the perspective of Workers Action and the coverage of women's struggles. I'll send you copies as soon as they're reproduced. (Enclosed). The group is continuing to slowly grow. Two more joined in Toronto this week. Next time you come perhaps you can go to the Hamilton branch. Some dynamite women have joined there, and they're really starting to shake up the blatant sexism which has gone on for too long. One woman hospital shop xxx steward joined who has been married for three months. He's her husband...

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THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE OF A LETTER WRITTEN ON CANADIAN I.S. STATIONERY. IT WAS SENT TO A MEMBER OF THE "LEFT" FACTION IN LOUISVILLE BY ABBY, AN E.C. MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN I.S. THE "DAVID" REFERED TO IN THE TEXT IS ANOTHER CANADIAN E.C. MEMBER WHO IS ALSO EDITOR OF THEIR PAPER. WE ARE PRINTING THE FULL TEXT (WITH OUR EMPHASIS ADDED) BECAUSE IT IS DATED BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF THE "LEFT" FACTION AND PROVES THE MAJORITY POINT THAT THE FACTION OPERATED UNDERGROUND FOR A PERIOD AS WELL AS DEMONSTRATING THAT EVEN AT THIS EARLY STAGE THEY HAD A SPLIT PERSPECTIVE.