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M-A report

1.) Steering Committee mtg. - LTF Europe

Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Britain, Spain / M-A, Benny-Dorler (PS?)

Spanish leadership - will start work on a European document ^{long-range}

Eddy's outline - Spanish edes. may have thought it a bit superficial

Germany - 20-25 LTF in Germany

(LTF in Germany part of = LTF)

confident attitude

entire old RKT leadership is in either Kompass or LTF

They think there is an unbridgeable gap between Kompass and Mandelistas

LTF based in Frankfurt

Leadership of GIM in crisis - only two issues of Was tun since July

Denmark -

they didn't get any documents out for the Danish convention except a women's liberation document

There do not exist clear political perspectives

not clear what LTF is besides Torben and a couple of others

Sweden -

just beginning to go around and present positions
9 LTF

Kompass is growing (not large) Gothenberg + 11 in

Sweden - cont'd ***

Hokem coming for 3 mos. to USA

Belgium

5 comrades signed the tendency declaration
Belgian situation still not as polarized as elsewhere

Spain

ETA-5 (5 = 5th convention) -
adopted p.B. nationalist program

ETA-6 - adopted a "Marxist" position

ETA-6-mino = majority - in Spain | ^{centrist} ^{populist}
ETA-6-majo = minority - in exterior - SPLIT
working with league

L.C. won majority of Pamplona
L.C.R. still had some

There was no real pre-convention discussion - L.C. doc
was out only 3 days before the convention

Split ||| ETA-7-1 } L.C.R.
ETA-7-2 } L.C.

LCR took big bulk of ETA

net 300+ LCR - 230 L.C.
LCR hit hard by repression
LCR paper is not coming out now

France

Tour of Dick & Dooler

They are sending Smiley around to do an advance

Internal documents of the IEC (Maj.)

Lutte Ouvriere - an L.O. ex comes in to a Chile mtg. with a copy of our Internl Info. Bull. on the debate in the Ligue C.

Lambertistes are sending people into the Ligue all over

Mona, Steve - will issue a statement

Roger - says that Jean Pierre's document puts it all together

= agrees with our criticism of "new mass vanguard"
June 21 - he agreed there was a fundamental political error involved
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They got a letter from Ernest criticizing the call for ^{to} vote for the Union of the Left

Roger said it was a question of principle not to vote Union of Left || Roger's position is vote CP

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France cont'd

Roger - LIP work -

- overestimation of solidarity
- underestimated strength of reformists
- didn't focus on any concrete problems

he's not doing anything re international discussion - preparing ^{for} national convention next summer

- but does think intl - nat'l are interconnected

Krasno - Dumas -

searching for a programmatic amalgam to get ~30

They say both ITMajo + LIP are centrists - ^{left} - ^{right}

Mandelistas - ^(program) liquidate everything into the form of struggle - armed struggle // minor viol // entryism

SWP - adapts to the spontaneous forms of the radicalization

Centre de Combat

Communique

Why joined neither

Third Stream Tends

} will be the platform

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France - cont'd

Krasno
played tape from

Karl at the Frankfurt mtg of int'l Congress

Criticisms of LTF

- a special form of Trotskyist orthodoxy that puts historical principles above concrete reality -
- e.g. U.P. & Union of Left
- relation of program - party building

he hedged
on this

- we generalize American experience
- idea of "combined character" of the revolution
- Black nationalism - not sure of
- T.P. for sectors
- I have a strange concept of unity of transitional & democratic demands
- maybe a shift to legalism -

January 20 - a-w - demo

Rayner said it was a correct action

Krasno - said it was wrong

Valia - economic commission differs with Mandel on economics

"38" group (from a 38-page document)

↳ criticism of European document - along our line

written before they knew of our criticisms

4- people signed the document

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'58" criticisms of us

- opportunist character
- we don't put out a clear alternative ^{on Europe}
- dismembered concept of T.P.