

New York, N.Y. 10014  
April 12, 1974

TO LENINIST-TROTSKYIST FACTION COORDINATORS

Dear Comrades,

Last fall, when the Leninist-Trotskyist Faction was formed in the SWP, members of the faction were asked to make a regular financial contribution. This was to support the activities of the faction, such as tours by faction representatives to defend the positions of the LTF, and the postage costs of mailings. We set a goal of averaging \$1.00/week for each member of the faction.

The enclosed chart gives comrades an idea of how well we have done in meeting this goal. As you can see, contributions have been uneven from one area to another, and in some cases from one month to the next.

At the world congress the IEC Majority took a serious new political step by adopting the resolution on armed struggle in Latin America. After considering the full implications of this move, the LTF decided that it must continue to function in a disciplined fashion in the coming period. This means that the need for a high level of financial commitment to the faction will also continue. It should also be added that not all the expenses accumulated during the pre-congress period have yet been paid for. Expenses such as those for the tours by faction leaders to report on the world congress have also been considerable.

The financial secretary and coordinator of the faction in each area should review the contributions currently being made and see if they are in line with national projections and the financial capacities of the faction members. If not, we would suggest that faction members be contacted about their contributions with a view to raising them.

Secondly, an effort should be made to collect contributions on a regular weekly basis and forward them to the faction center.

Thirdly, financial secretaries should inform us how much is pledged on a weekly basis. This will enable us to budget our expenses and to see if we are keeping current on collections.

Contributions to the faction should not, of course, be made at the expense of party dues or sustainers. They are over and above regular financial commitments to the branch, and LTF members should set an example on this norm of functioning.

Comradely,

Ed Shaw

FACTION INCOME Nov. 1973 - March 1974

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Atlanta		125.00			125.00	250.00
Austin	105.00	30.00				125.00
Boston	190.00		402.50	230.00		822.50
Brooklyn	180.50	195.50	91.00	198.52	301.50	967.02
Chicago	144.00	434.50	104.75	81.75	120.40	885.40
Cleveland	48.00	39.00	49.50	27.75		164.25
Denver	54.25	70.00	77.50	83.50	35.00	320.25
Detroit	175.00	107.50		122.50	83.00	488.00
Houston		270.00		245.00	50.00	565.00
Los Angeles		100.00	60.00			160.00
Lower Manhattan	269.75	143.80	235.50		222.00	871.05
Oakland/Berkeley			122.00		250.00	372.00
Philadelphia		139.00	152.00	97.00	154.25	542.25
Pittsburgh			78.50			78.50
Portland	30.00					30.00
San Diego	16.00	31.75		20.75	30.00	98.50
San Francisco	35.25	155.50		48.00		238.75
Seattle		69.40				69.40
St. Louis	23.00	29.00	36.00	36.50	11.25	135.75
Twin Cities	118.25	153.17	82.55	119.90	30.10	503.97
UWS		117.50	38.00	77.75	75.00	308.25
Washington, D.C.		100.00				100.00
Misc.	100.00		58.28		5.00	163.28
TOTAL	1489.00	2310.62	1588.08	1388.92	1492.50	8269.12