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TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

The following is from a member of the Internationalist Tendency in Houston.

Comradely,



Lew Jones  
SWP National Office

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TO: Houston SWP Organizer

This is to inform you of my resignation from the Socialist Workers Party.

When I joined the YSA several years ago in Tennessee the first apparent thing one could not help but notice was the complete lack of interest the SWP-YSA had in the industrial working class. Why was the "proletarian vanguard party" so disinterested in the proletariat? While I realized that the party recruits and should recruit from all strata of the population, why didn't anyone see it as a serious problem that our recruits were from non-proletarian milieus?

These questions I had grew and as I saw the disgusting and tail-endist manner in which the SWP operates in the various mass (?) movements it became apparent that the SWP is in no sense a revolutionary party but a rotten, Social Democratic sect, without the virtues of Social Democracy's traditional mass base or trade union orientation. Perhaps that's just as well anyway, since the SWP's program if it ever did (by some miracle) take hold in the working class, would be a program of defeat and betrayal. However you've heard my criticisms, I'm tired of talking to a room full of hand-raising hacks.

In leaving the SWP I want to make it clear that I am not joining any opponent formation or renouncing the politics of the FI. I feel my political work and development can proceed better outside the SWP than inside. I also hope to re-join the ranks of the world party of socialist revolution sometime in the future when its right wing cancer has been dealt with.

Long live Trotskyism! Long live the Fourth International! Down with reformism!

Fraternally,

s/Jerry K. Foster