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Our organization in Austria, in whose ranks are some of the oldest cadres in our European movement, has in the same period gone through a crisis of growth which was brought about largely by the endeavor of the leaders of this section to find the specific roads for the building of the revolutionary party in Austria. The division of the section into two groups which occurred at the 8th Plenum, the experiences acquired by work in the SP by the entrism group as well as by the majority of the section we hope will permit a regroupment of our forces in the not too distant future for the serious work of building a revolutionary left wing in the Austrian SP.

Greetings to Lesoil's widow, to Natalia and to Comrade Hippe's wife.

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SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH DAYS: Work of Commissions.

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NINTH DAY. Afternoon session.

Chairmen: Jacques, Lerse, Kinch.

Adoption of the agenda for the Ninth and Tenth days.

Report on the Yugoslav question by Comrade Livingstone.

Discussion on the report on the Yugoslav question.

Speeches by Comrades Cheng, Jacques, Walter.

The reporter proposes to go over to the vote.

VOTE on the Resolution:

Adopted by 37 votes for, 1 against (Switzerland), 1 abstention (Vietnamese minority). 4 absent (Germany 3, Cyprus 1).

Report of the Austrian Commission by Comrade Walter.

Unanimously adopted with 1 abstention (Sweden) because of inadequate information on the question.

Evening Session

Report of the Security Commission by Comrade Pablo. Adopted.

Report of the Far Eastern Commission by Comrade Bernard.

Proposal by Pablo to give Comrade Peng one-half hour to develop his essential ideas; there will be no discussion.

Speech by Comrade Peng.

The Congress adopts the proposal of the Commission for the holding of a meeting of the IS with all delegates of the Far East on the question of the Far Eastern Bureau on India.

The minutes of the Far Eastern Commission will be transmitted to the IS for the preparation of the discussion at the next IEC meeting.

Election of the International Control Commission.

Speeches by Comrade Livio and Burns.

Report adopted unanimously.

AUSTRIA: Resolution on the Austrian Question.

1. Both parts of the Austrian section are of the opinion that any aggravation of the class struggle in Austria finds its expression especially in the aggravation of the internal contradictions of the Austrian SP, because this party has the support of the great majority of the proletariat and as a result of its historic development and the experiences which the Austrian workers have had with Stalinist policy.

2. For this reason, work in the SP is today recognized by both parts of the Austrian section as the field of action on which the forces of the organization should be concentrated. This signifies work in the units of the SP, in the Socialist Youth, and in the factory groups of the SP.

3. Work in the SP should be carried on in a way to facilitate and to support the creation of a broad left tendency in the SP with the aim of forming a left wing. This left wing should express the experiences and the will to struggle of the broadest workers' layers and it will only be able to take a first step in the direction of a revolutionary program. All other organizational tasks (individual recruitment for our own organization, etc.) should be subordinated to the tasks which flow from this orientation. In the course of the formation and of the development of this left wing, a real field of work will also be created for the growth of our own organization.

4. To successfully achieve the orientation thus defined, the majority of the members of both parts of the organization should

become members of the SP or of the Socialist Youth and actively participate in the work of these organizations. Exceptions are permissible for comrades with personal reasons or where the needs of our own organization run counter to work in the SP. The work of our members in the SP will be carried on under the firm direction of the leadership of both sections of the organization.

5. The activity of our members in the SP will be governed by the following directives:

- a. Not to come forward as Trotskyists with our full program.
- b. Not to push forward programmatic and principled questions.
- c. To begin with the level of consciousness of the workers in each sector of a given activity and to avoid the danger of isolation by going too far beyond this level.
- d. To impel the differentiation in the party with the aid of central questions of the day on which broad strata of workers are ready to fight (questions of prices and wages, rents, coalition policy, etc.).
- e. To impel forward and to resolutely encourage the members of the SP, etc., oriented towards the left so that they, influenced by us, can create a broad peripheral stratum around our own organization.

The general line of this activity aims to connect left groupings which appear in branches of the SP and of the Socialist Youth with the more advanced strata of the factory workers of the SP.

6. A tendency organ defending the line defined in point 5 represents an important aid to work in the SP directed towards creating and strengthening a left tendency. The organ "Y" which is now edited in this sense, will be maintained until the efforts of the members of the SP oriented to the left -- which we should support in this direction -- results in the publication of a broader left-wing organ.

7. The orientation thus defined has as its precondition that both sections of the organization, far from dissolving, remain organized as firmly as before under conditions of double illegality, with its own leadership, its own branch and educational activity, with an active participation in the political life of the International, etc. The IKO publishes its own organ whose distribution is to remain limited to members and sympathizers and is not thus to create obstacles for the principal activity which is to be carried on in the SP.

8. The present Resolution expresses the decision of the World Congress as to the orientation of work of both sections of our Austrian section and will be recognized by both parts as the immediate basis of their activity. A parity committee of four members will be constituted which will meet every fifteen days, and apply the directives of the present Resolution, will coordinate the practical steps which result from these directives, and will determine to a growing degree the line of the organ "Y." On the basis of the practical experience of this committee, the question of a reunification

of both parts of the organization will be put on the agenda by this committee.

RESOLUTION ON THE AUSTRIAN SECTION

The Third World Congress takes note that the Eighth Plenum had decided, after the exclusion of the opposition of the Austrian section, to effectuate a division of labor in this section: the excluded minority continuing to be recognized as a part of the section (IKO opposition) and working in the Austrian SP under the control of the IS, the majority of the IKO continuing its external work having the exclusive right to represent the IKO Austrian section of the Fourth International publicly.

In view of the political resolution on the Austrian question which has been adopted, the Third World Congress decides to continue the decision of the Eighth Plenum until the IEC can reexamine the progress made in realizing the decisions included in point 8 of the Political Resolution.

Amendments of the Austrian Majority to the Political Resolution

1. First paragraph, last phrase. Substitute: "and the new upsurge of the workers' movement in the metropolitan centers" by: "as well as by the fact that the workers' movement of the metropolitan countries has remained intact."

2. Third Paragraph. Substitute "to checkmate the powerful movement of emancipation of the colonial and metropolitan masses" by: "to suppress the powerful movement of emancipation of the masses in the colonies and to destroy the working class movement in the metropolitan countries."

3. In the chapter on the situation of the workers' movement, in the part on social-democracy, last paragraph, before the analysis of Stalinism: eliminate the section of the phrase which deals with entrism.

4. In the chapter on tasks, substitute the entire 6th paragraph (except the last phrase) by the following: "Among the most important tasks of our movement the building of autonomous and independent organizations must be mentioned along with the ideological and organizational consolidations of organizations where they already exist. If we can base ourselves on such organizations it will be possible, even more than in the past, to link our cadres to the real class movement. It is only on this basis that a flexible tactic toward the traditional workers' parties and mass organizations will be able to succeed."