

To the Latin-American Secretariat of the CI.

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Dear Comrades:

Your letter of May 5th was read officially before the Buro at its meeting of May 28th. After a discussion of its contents, it was decided to answer as follows:

1. Regarding our letter to the CC of the Cuban party. By this time you have undoubtedly received the text of our letter and the official comments to the letter published in the May issue of "El Comunista". In evaluating the letter, it is important to remember that the Buro has consciously and deliberately confined itself to making it a letter of PRACTICAL DIRECTIVES. In our minutes of March 25th you will find the decision that "the letter shall remain a directive of practical instructions dealing with the partial demands for the struggle against the fascist terror, the organization of the struggle against unemployment and the organization of the Congress of the Confederation". Later it was decided to include also suggestions for the improvement of the party organization.

The letter proceeds of course from an analysis of the ^{present} economic and political situation in Cuba. This analysis is more fully developed in the official articles and comments. It is our opinion that, at the present time, this is ^{the} best way of assisting our parties--all parties in the Caribbean--in their everyday work.

We fail to see the reason for your worries about our cablegram and decision (March 16th) "to devise ways and means for mobilizing international support for the Cuban struggle". We must inform you that one of the bitterest complaints of the Cuban comrades is the ^{expression of} failure of ^{active} international solidarity with the struggle of the Cuban masses. Especially, in this difficult time of the ruthless Machado^s terror. Is it not necessary to promote the expression of international solidarity with the struggle of the Cuban workers and peasants? We think it is very necessary, but we regret to say that very little is being done along these lines.

You say: "if it is a question of solidarity with the heroic struggles of our comrades, it is correct to initiate a campaign, but we must take into-