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To the Caribbean Bureau.

Dear Comrades,

I. a) We have received the correspondence with the CC CP Mexico which you sent.

We completely agree with your point of view on the danger of opportunist relapses in the Mexican CP, which are especially fatal when the revolutionary movement is beginning to show more life.

We had fears of them maturing even before we received your last letters. However, at that time we did not know how the CC CP Mexico had reacted to your letter on arbitration and the "annexation" (i.e. in reality the nationalisation) of foreign firms.

At the present time we have commenced rapidly to prepare a letter to the CC CP Mexico. However, as the confirmation of a general political letter by the competent organs of the ECCI requires a certain period of time (together with the preparation of the letter, at least 2-3 weeks), we shall send a letter to Mexico through you in the next few days from the Secretariat specially dealing with the questions in the correspondence between you and the CC CPM.

Our attitude to the line taken by the CC CPM on the "annexation" of foreign firms and the attitude to the Labour Code (Article by El Machete) is unquestionably opposed to this line. On the question of arbitration, the Mexican comrades make opportunist mistakes. At the same time your position is not clear enough. If you demand an absolute refusal of participation in compulsory arbitration in any case whatever -- which evidently follows from the fact that you do not say a word about it -- this makes it easier for the Mexican comrades to cavil at your position, which is correct in the main, on the question of arbitration.

But of course it is one question to agree under conditions of terror to arbitration under compulsion in individual cases, and a completely different matter to hold ideas as the Mexicans do about "using" it.

b) In your Mexican letter of October 21st you mention twice the formation of "the conditions for the growth of the factors of a revolutionary crisis" in Mexico. This expression is not altogether well chosen. With regard to Mexico, at the present time we cannot talk of the maturing of the elements of a revolutionary crisis. The greater life shown by the revolutionary movement does not yet show anything more than the BEGINNING of a revolutionary upsurge. (This estimate of the revolutionary situation in Mexico is also shared by comrades M and P).

Therefore it would be better to give the Mexican comrades this orientation. Talk about the "formation of conditions", etc.