

RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

The Workers Party solidarizes itself with the Fourth International on the general strategic perspectives for the world revolution and the tasks outlined for the Fourth International in the Political Resolution adopted at the Conference.

The Workers Party also welcomes the increased recognition by the Conference of the positive role of the struggle for self-determination of all oppressed nations. This however, is, like all other democratic slogans closely related to the character of our epoch and the revolutionary perspectives outlined by the Conference.

The Workers Party, however, condemns the April Conference for its false and misleading analysis of the role of Russian imperialism in the imperialist war just concluded and the immediate post-war period. This affects both the strategic perspectives and tactical tasks, particularly in areas contiguous to Russia. To state, for example, that certain sections of the Fourth International should "tolerate the presence of the Red Army only to the extent that it is a friendly proletarian armed force..." is merely another example of the false positions, disorienting the proletariat and the Fourth International, which flow from the increasingly untenable attempts to maintain the position of Trotsky on the Russian question. Under the circumstances, it is imperative, therefore that the International re-examine its Russian position and begin a full, free democratically-conducted discussion throughout the Fourth International, in preparation for a World Congress at which all positions on Russia, advocated by those holding the principles of the Fourth International, will be represented.

The Workers Party strongly condemns the omission in the Conference report any recommendation for the unity of the forces of the Fourth International in the United States. This is not merely an organizational question of great importance for the Fourth International but at the present moment in particular an essential political task, necessary to assist the American proletariat in its attempts to raise itself to the level of the tasks imposed upon it by history.

The Workers Party welcomes the determination of the Fourth International Conference, in its own words, "to insist upon the necessity of putting this Conference on record at the very outset as having a desire to affirm the existence of the International as a World Party endowed with a centralized leadership, and to work toward this task."

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