

(C O P Y)

Madison, Wisconsin
March 6, 1967

Farrell Dobbs
National Secretary, SWP

Dear Farrell,

On March 5, while I was in Milwaukee as part of my national tour for the youth, I attended a meeting of the Milwaukee branch of the SWP. During the course of the meeting an incident occurred which I want to report.

After the agenda for the meeting had been completed and a motion to adjourn was in order, one of the comrades present took the floor and stated that she had received a written notice for the meeting urging all branch members to attend as there would be a discussion of a communication from Farrell Dobbs on antiwar work, a discussion of a communication from Arne Swabeck, and a report and discussion on "Jim's talks with Workers World." She asked for an explanation of why these points had not been included on the agenda as she was particularly interested in them. Other branch members indicated they had received the same communication.

The organizer, Comrade Boulton, responded by saying he had forgotten to bring his briefcase containing the two communications, that he had attempted to summarize the report from Dobbs in his organizer's report, but that both communications would be read at the following meeting. He added that he had referred to the point on Workers World in the organizers report under the motion from the executive committee that the Political Committee be requested to hold an active workers' conference in May to discuss, among other things, "the party question." He stated that a discussion on the party question should include a discussion of unity with Workers World as "the issues which now divide the internationalist Trotskyists and the internationalist Maoists are minimal" and they should attempt to form a single organization. I found this particularly interesting in light of Comrade Boulton's earlier emphatic statement to me that he no longer considered the SWP to be internationalist.

Following the meeting, Boulton indicated to me that the comrade who had taken the floor was simply confused as she had not attended a number of recent meetings.

Comradely,

S/ Mary-Alice Waters