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Dear Ed,

Under the leadership of Bill Brust a local group of the American Committee for the Fourth International has been organized. They claim 9 members. This was learned at the Joe Johnson Defense Rally on January 22 where they functioned as a distinct group and presented publicly a check for \$20 to the Defense in the name of the "American Committee for the Fourth International". (Bill a teacher at Carleton, refused to be a sponsor.)

We can count 7 of the group. Bill and Jean Brust who formally resigned from the SWP several years ago, citing political differences which added up to Healy's position -- especially on Cuba. They are factually hostile.

Bill K. who resigned from the St. Paul Branch in the mid-1950's for vague reasons. He has always been friendly to the Party and contributed to national fund drives. He is a special friend of Jack Barisonzi, who moved to Madison last September and has left the SWP.

Bob J. a student who resigned from the YSA and SWP a couple of years ago. He was never integrated into the movement and tended toward a Maoist position and ultra-left Black Nationalism.

Charlotte J. (Bob's wife) who resigned from the YSA and was never very political or integrated in YSA.

A married couple who have been friends of the Party for a number of years, but not up to joining. They were active in the FPCC and in the Joe Johnson Defense.

It has been reported that Bill Brust attended the Healy meeting in Montreal last fall.

They are apparently having regular meetings amongst themselves but aside from the Defense Rally and occasionally showing up at anti-war meetings with the Newsletter and Bulletin, they have no public activities. They are trying to arrange meetings with some of the comrades who are inactive.

We are arranging that all comrades are aware that the group has been formed here as an opponent and that party comrades should not enter into discussions with them, discussing the Party and its activities.

Comradely,
S/ Helen Scheer