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Dear Ken Hawkes -

Apologies for the long period since your letter, during which we have not written to you. The usual difficulties only moreso.

Glad that your circularizations of our lists have given some results. After another year or so it might be worth-while doing it all over again.

The Cuban affair is causing no end of headaches to us. Just as in the 20s and 30s, when people came back from Russia with glowing reports, they come back now from Cuba with glowing tales of the Castro paradise. This is causing a deal ~~xxx~~ of confusion in the non-Stalinist left. We have lost a few members and sympathizers as a result. Relations with people who lose their sense of proportions so easily ~~xxxxxxx~~ are often difficult. On the other hand, our intransigence is winning us the respect of other elements as they become aware of what has really been happening in Cuba.

It is suggested that you secure and read "The Cuban Revolution" by Blas Roca. This gives the official Stalinist position as of last August. It has just appeared in English, and should be available at "your" CP bookstores in Britain. They really let the cat out of the bag, for anyone who can read between lines and who is familiar with the commie style of double-talk. Will be reviewed in forthcoming issue of Views and Comments.

We are withholding judgement in re the CNT unification. It is vaguely stated that they have reunited on the traditional positions of the CNT. But this is not enough for the clarity needed. We feel that the Spanish comrades have yet to give a clear statement summing up the lessons on governmental collaboration in Spain. Without such a clear statement as basis for unity, the danger will always exist of a repetition of the same sort of action, in the future.

Our movement is sufficiently un-clear on many things. Every step in the direction of clarity of thought and purpose is of positive value. Every avoidance of a facing up to the issues will hinder us in the future.

Good work that you are doing with the ex-trots. Keep it up, but with eyes open !!! We here, are carrying on theoretical discussions with a split off group ~~xxxxxx~~ from the Contemporary Issues movement. About a half dozen people in NYC have broken with Marxist past, and are "seeking" in our general direction. Fraternally,
P.S. Bob Calese is one of those lost to us via F.Castro

Russell Blackwell