

## The Extraordinary National Conference of the Belgian Communist Students

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### Resolutions of 22 March 1964

#### First Resolution

##### Reconstitution and Reconstruction

The Extraordinary National Conference of Belgian Communist Students of 22 March 1964 affirms the total political degeneracy of the present so-called National Bureau of the U.N.E.C. (National Union of Communist Students). This political degeneracy imposed undemocratically by the fallen Central Committee of the Belgian Communist Party, was only followed by a minority of the E.C. (Communist Students) who are kept at the head of the organization by undemocratic practices.

This is what has made it possible for them to accumulate betrayals in all sectors: following the lead of the revisionist group of the Belgian Communist Party, they betrayed proletarian internationalism and denied the principles of the consequent struggle for the safeguarding of peace. (Example: total support of the Indian reactionary bourgeoisie attacking socialist China -- including supply of arms to India by the Soviet revisionist group... cease-fire proposal in Katanga by deputy Moulin at the time when the U.N. was clearing out Tshombe...)

They abandoned or sabotaged the struggle for the immediate and long term revendications of the people and workers of Belgium. (Example: struggle against the projected anti-strike laws. The revisionists announced at first that it was a diversion and then organized -- six months later -- an "action" culminating with "visits to the parliamentarians of the majority"!)

Parallel to these betrayals which were only echoes of those of their "masters," they also sabotaged the struggle of the students movement, and particularly, its unionization, which it was their duty to guide (example: two years after

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the B.C. was at the head of the Union Movement and the U.G., the revisionists ruined the unionization of the U.G. by their opportunistic policy. The U.G. passed into the hands of the right and the revisionists were reduced to chattering about the creation of "union pressure groups" to orient again a U.G. which they themselves had ruined!!)

This total political degeneracy, together with practices which are more and more undemocratic, has allowed the revisionists to completely liquidate certain organizations of our Federations they call already feeble and poorly established to begin with. The Flemish Federations and the Walloon Federation no longer exist. The Lieges Federation has been reduced to some committeemen without influence or solidity. Only the Brussels Federation, better armed politically and ideologically, has been able to resist the liquidating practices. It has swept out its own revisionists (who, since then have constituted a new organization) and is constantly reinforcing itself.

But An Avant-Garde Organization On The National Plan Is Needed

An avant-garde organization is needed which can tie together the solidarity of the progressive students and of working class guided by the B.C.P. in its struggle for immediate revendications (three weeks vacations, 40 hours, 10% increase in salary) for the defense of democratic liberties (abolition of anti-strike laws and rejection of the Servais proposal) for the realization of the final goal: communism by way of the socialist revolution and the instauration of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

An avant-garde organization is needed which can draw together the largest student masses in the struggle for the realization of self-determination of the two Belgian people by federalism. An avant-garde organization is needed which knows how to promote the active solidarity of the progressive students of Belgium with the revolutionary movement of the oppressed peoples for their national liberation, with the international proletariat struggling for the socialist revolution, with the socialist countries. The National conference particularly salutes the students who, in Asia, Africa and Latin America, struggle under very difficult conditions against capitalistic imperialism, with American imperialism at the head.

An avant-garde organization is needed on the student lane, which can, together with the Communist Youth, mobilize the maximum young people in the important struggle for peace. The National conference rejoices over the success of the anti-atomic March which marked a step in the struggle for the massive reduction of military expenses, against the enfeeblement of our government to the aggressive policy of American imperialism, in favor of the banning and destruction of all

nuclear weapons, in favor of leaving NATO.

An avant-garde organization is needed who knows how to guide the struggle of the student movement for the democratization of education. It is quite obvious that an effective organization can only be achieved by the alliance of the progressive students and the workers movement, and that the total democratization of education will only be possible after the Socialist Revolution.

The Extraordinary National Conference of the E.C. of Belgium therefor considers it a political and practical necessity to reconstitute --that is to say, in our conditions, to reconstruct-- a national organization which is able to motivate the establishment (or re-establishment) of Student Communist organizations in all of Belgium, and who can direct with firmness the action of the E.C. in all sections.

Consequently, it declares that the so-called "National Bureau" of the U.N.S.C. no longer represents the E.C. of Belgium in any way. It elects a new National Bureau which is in charge of applying the present resolutions.

It confirms that En Avant (Forward) is the new political and cultural review of the E.C. of Belgium.

--The National Conference salutes the Marxist-Leninist students of the entire world who are opposed to the liquidating maneuvers of the revisionists and struggle for the reconstitution of their organizations on a Marxist-Leninist basis.

--It denounces in particular the maneuvers of the revisionists at the heart of the international youth organizations such as the F.M.J.D. or the U.I.E. Alongside all the students and the young progressives, it will struggle to re-establish the just anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist line foreseen in the statutes of these organizations

## Second Resolution

### Reorganization

A.- Considering the concrete and specific conditions of the struggle of the working class, the laboring masses and the progressive students in Belgium, and due to the existence of two peoples, and keeping in mind the increased importance of the objective of federalism;

the Extraordinary National conference of the E.C. of Belgium:

1) Suppresses the term "national" which is liable to confuse this with the organization which was formerly called the Union of Communist Students of Belgium (UCSB).

2) Has decided to reorganize the U.E.C.B. on a federal basis, with the Walloons Union of Communist Students, the Flemish Union of Communist Students and the Brussels Federation

of the E.C. constituting the Union of the E.C. of Belgium.

B.-With a care to guaranteeing the proper function of the organization and to preserve it from deviations, the Extraordinary National Conference of the E.C. of Belgium:

1) Reaffirms the soundness of thesis 30 of the First National Conference of the E.C. "on the political and ideological level, the E.C. place themselves under the leadership of the P.C.B."

2) Reaffirms the absolute necessity to base the organization and its function on the principle of democratic centralism.

C.- Considering the absolute necessity for a firm political and ideological leadership, the Extraordinary National Conference of the E.C. of Belgium feels that the National Bureau should henceforth be a veritable collective leadership, political above all, responsible to the C.C. of the C.N. of the U.E.C.B. (and no longer a vague organization of technical coordination or a "national representation" which is formal and politically non-existent.)

### Third Resolution

#### Immediate Tasks of the U.E.C.B.

Taking into account the past negative experiences and the heavily revisionist past on the one hand, the just line of the Party reinstated on 22 December 1963 and of the rectification already begun in Brussels on the other hand, the C.N.E. of the E.C. of Belgium totally defines two large groups of tasks to realize immediately:

I) Tasks already more or less well assumed and well guaranteed thanks to both the Party and the good work achieved by us:

Agitation - Propaganda and General Political Action

That is to say, our political work on all planes (with the exception of specifically student work) and, in order:

--proletarian internationalism acting together with the revolutionary movements and with the socialist camp;

--future defense of peace against American imperialism and its acolytes;

--struggles alongside the Communist Party, avant-garde of the working class, for immediate revendications and the defense of democratic liberties and the realization of the final aim of our action: communism by communist Revolution and instauration of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

This general activity of propaganda and action (tracts, meetings, conferences, exhibitions, manifestations, En Avant, Federal Bulletins, etc...) should be amplified and reinforced and this by means of the correction of two lacks:

1) Considerable amelioration of all technical organization --(particularly finances)-- where proper running conditions quantitative increase of our action and which, in this

way, becomes a political factor.

2) Re-evaluation of a just hierarchy of the different sectors of the struggle where the problems of Belgian domestic policy should hold a more prominent place (and this particularly since students have a tendency to underestimate them and ignore them...)

#### Respect and Proper Practice Of Democratic Centralism

This subsequent application of democratic centralism should permit us to ally the maximum efficiency (absolute discipline, total unity of action) with the maximum democracy (discussion of all problems before making decisions, permanent practice of criticism and self-criticism), this great democracy cooperating with the rest to reinforce our efficiency even more.

A constant vigilance of the leading organizations and all the members of the U.E.C.B. should permit the safeguarding of the correct application of this principle, an absolute condition for the existence of the U.E.C.B.

II) Tasks poorly undertaken to the present, or poorly guaranteed by the revisionist heritage and the negative experiences which we must extirpate by the roots at all costs:  
Articulation Of A Union Policy Which is Coherent and Founded Theoretically

A double lack has hindered our action in the student union sector:

A. A theoretical wavering on union problems has been manifested. This wavering is the result of a total lack of liaison between our general theses on the student milieu on the one hand (theses from our First National Conference, insufficiently thorough) and, on the other, the union revendications which we launch empirically too often in reaction to events.

B. A general under-estimation of the problems of student unionism have resulted in the E.C. being subdivided, up to the present, into a large mass of ignorant people completely removed from the union problems and a very small minority of "techno-crats" relatively up-to-date but insufficiently controlled.

--Without abandoning in the least political action, we should continue the work of revision and elaboration of all the theses of our two National Conferences in order to base our struggle on a solid and coherent theory on the subject of the union. The B.N. is in charge of directing the work of a union Commission to this effect.

--Right now, the E.C. within the framework of their union work:

--militate at the heart of the M.U.B.E.F. in order to unionize it and make it democratic,

--struggle for the creation of a true student union having a program based on the class struggle and in liaison

### Organization Of Political and Ideological Training

Based on the principle of constantly joining together theory and practice, we must improve the training of our permanent members in relation with political reality and the necessities of our action. And this is to be done by means of:

- 1) course in ideological training and reviews of political papers obligatory to all meetings of the base;
- 2) study week-ends on problems of the whole;
- 3) schools for cadres.

The National Bureau (B.N.) and the federal leaders will have to promote a permanent policy of intensive training without any lessening of action.  
Implantation and Reimplantation Of E.C. Organizations In All Student Centers

This (re)construction will be achieved with the help of the Party and the E.C. organizations which are already well consolidated. But with the guiding principle that the local comrades must as soon as possible depend on their own forces.

### Recruitment And Training Of Militants And Cadres

A quality recruitment must be made without opportunism or sectarianism, based on the Leninist principle that each adherent must be a militant. Parallel to individual recruitment, the collective work of recruitment must be completely improved.

By allying collective leadership to individual responsibility, the organizations will constantly be watchful to confide the maximum responsibility to young militants who can thus be trained by practice.

In a general way, the training of militants and cadres must always be oriented toward action and will unite the maximum in individual training -- in autodidactic manner-- with the training achieved collectively.

