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# A CALL TO BUILD A TENDENCY IN DEFENSE OF T.I.L.C., FOR INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM

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1) The TILC is now experiencing a profound political crisis. This implies the risk of a failure of our international tendency, undermining its possibilities of growing and intervening within the world Trotskyist movement, whose continuing crisis provides substantial room for action of consistent Trotskyists.

One of the central manifestations of TILC crisis is its failure to get transformed into a democratic-centralist (d/c) organization.

At the very time of TILC constitution, i.e. at the December 1979 Conference, it was agreed that d/c transformation should follow within a 2-yr interval, once the homogeneity of programmatic positions and their consistency with activities in the class struggle of the different sections would have been confirmed by joint work experience. Such a decision did represent an essential component of the political foundations of our organization. Indeed, it reflected the willingness to follow a consistently internationalist pathway, so rejecting past disastrous experience, especially of the anti-Pabloite forces in the FI, whose international federalism had meant one of the causes of their own progressive breakdown and degeneration.

Up to Spring, 1982, nobody did openly question such a prospect for TILC transformation.

The British section, following unification of the old WSL with the ICL, simply demanded (and obtained without any problem) that the Conference entitled to carry out the transformation be postponed to the Summer, and then to December 1982. — with the sole motivation of difficulties in preparation of documents and overall organization