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Dear ILPS,

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Second International Assembly (SIA) in November 2004. Unfortunately, I am far too poor to attend conferences abroad as I am as homeless now as I was during the First International Assembly in 2001. It seems these days that political leadership is for those who can afford it.

Already the Communist Parties have disposed of elections and polemics in favor of little bourgeois social climbing. Jet set revolutionaries are out of my league on more than one account. They can afford to attend conferences and cannot defend their right to do so.

The working class is accustomed to political representation by the rich and famous; they will not bemoan the self-appointed leadership of the active activists in blue jeans. It seems, however, that your conference has erred in pledging to hold one day in our defense when you should have declared to feed us for a day. There is hardly anything more insulting than watching well fed people demand our rights!

It's high time that we resolve that the Communist Party become one with the workers and begin helping the poor. But here I go again babbling that old, worn out, boring theory that communists are responsible to the workers and not the other way around. For those who claim to be getting ready to "go for it" and make "revolution"; we have to wonder what it is these people are waiting for. I suppose I should be sitting here drooling down my shirt before that happens. Awe but they have leadership now don't they; but I have to ask how they got it.

I do, however, wish you well in your pursuit of peace and justice, but there is really little I can do besides wish for it.

Thanks again,

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