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Grassac: We need more WF input in WF in conference and in various campaigns.

Charley: Need to stress ~~to~~ fight against bureaucracy.

## ~~PARSONS~~ POLAND

Parsons: proposed complete postponement of SD discussion

LOI.

Bones: ~~proposed~~ proposed 2 10-minute ~~to~~ intros + vote on EEC.

## DEMOCRACY CONF

Levy: reported.

## POLAND

- Cardan.
- a) Boldshvina took up national Q as a living question - v. sharply contrasted with 2nd Int'l orthodoxy and Austro-Marxism. They supported national rights even under the workers' state.
  - b) Stalinism has thrown us back. Especially after 1938 really vicious national oppression developed.
  - c) Near end of his life LDT added Q of SD to programme of political revolution - ~~to~~<sup>eg</sup> fight for Ukrainian independence. It was part of fight ag. bureaucracy, also a weapon against right wing nationalists.
  - d) v. important because of oppressed nationalities in the USSR and USSR oppression in E. Europe.

Exp. Poland. If not. It ever meant anything anywhere, it is meaningless for Poland now. Even Ireland's oppression looks slight compared to Poland's.

I favour indep. soc. Poland. but we should also raise it boldly and clearly.

James. The difference is not whether we're for the right of it. I agree on that. The Q is what form for the struggle for it. Do we limit it to it, or make it indep. socialist Poland?

The difference is not massive.

I've tried to show in my doc that Zolhenies did not just propose it as a slogan in itself, but tried to give it a progressive form.

It is a different Q in capitalist states and in Stalinist states. You can't just equate the expression in different circumstances.

Indep. Ukraine? LHS argued for an indep. soviet Ukraine - he says he is in favour of an indep. Ukraine, but defends "indep. soviet Ukraine" against "indep. democratic Ukraine".

Why "Isu"? LHS was trying to relate to fact that part of Ukraine was dominated by USSR. He wanted a break with bourgeois nationalities - and it should be the same on Poland. We should differentiate from the imperialists - stress that the workers were not going for a capitalist Poland.

How dominant is national Q of WRT Poland? Quite obv. the USSR instigated the martial law. But there is an independent Polish bureaucracy. You can't make the USSR the whole question. The working class is in struggle with the Polish bureaucracy.

Agreed EC organise a discussion.