

On the role and place of the sections in the organization of the Socialist Party

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In the coming weeks, the Socialist Party will organize orientation debates in the form of motions submitted to a vote by activists. e.s., in preparation for the congress to be held in Villeurbanne next December.

The role of the sections will be as usual important since they will organize, in close liaison with their Federation, the debates and the different votes, on motions and on candidates for the positions of First National Secretary, First Federal Secretary and section secretary.

Thus the sections will be in charge of bringing democracy within the Party to life on the ground.

However, there is something to be said for the role and place of the sections outside of this particular and major moment.

The sections bring together the majority of the Party's militant forces. They constitute the visible face of the Party at the local level. On their dynamism and their capacity to be present on the ground, the image and the audience of the Party, and thus the attraction it can arouse among the population, especially among the younger generations, depend on their daily presence.

However, it must be said that in the current "vertical organization" of the Party, they are only transmission belts in the Federations. Thus, they are not consulted, they do not have any information on the administrative march of the Federation (annual budget, state and evolution of the memberships). No "mission" is entrusted to them that could result from an analysis of the local situation and a development project discussed.

Under these conditions, how can we hope to increase the dynamism of these sections, how can we attract the younger generations and the disadvantaged populations in the current economic system, who are inclined to change the course of things, if they cannot participate in debates on ideas, on projects, which are, moreover, able to nourish the governing bodies of the Party with proposals.

At a time when information is constantly circulating in all the digital media, when small sentences, sibylline words, including within the Party, are instantly disseminated to everyone, it is urgent, and undoubtedly vital, to rethink the sections as privileged places for exchanging words and militant actions, of a political nature, within an organization that must expect more from them than acts of administration.

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