Nicht Hinauslehnen!
Ne pas se pencher au dèhors
E pericolosly sporgesi!
Danger! Do not lean out!
Det är livsfarligt att luta sig ut!
Niet naar buiten hangen!

Paris, a witches’ cauldron of political instigations and demonstrations, armoured cars in the streets, the bloody shadow of the Algerian war, OAS, FLN, clearing murders and torture. Strikes, Police raids, censorship, no gallic clarity but a dark witches’ trial, shooting and reprisals, many dead and wounded.

Paris, where our Conseil Central hold a meeting in the Internationale Situationniste the 10th and 11th February 1962, 129 Boulevard Saint-Germain — even here brother against brother!

The conseil central of the IS has 8 members:

- Dieter Kunzelmann, Germany
- Jacqueline de Jong, Holland
- Ansgar Elde, Sweden
- Jörgen Nash, Denmark
- Guy Debord, France
- Uwe Lausen, Germany
- Attila Kotanyi and Raoul Vaneigem, Belgium

On the very first day of the meeting a previously printed ultimatum was presented by the four last named members declaring the German group of artists, SPUR, (Sturm, Zimmer, Prem, Fischer and Kunzelmann) excluded in the name of the Conseil Central. Those four go as far as to accuse SPUR of “fractionist activity based on a systematic misunderstanding of the situationnist theses . . .”

That is precisely what they themselves might be denounced for, if we chose to adopt their Jesuit methods.

We came to the meeting also prepared to criticise the SPUR members, but in quite another way. We protest against all kinds of fractionist activity within the IS. In this council meeting in Paris we were confronted with a fait accompli, which made an empty force of the entire meeting. An organization whose essential decisions are not based on the principle of debate is totalitarian and does not agree with our rules of collaboration. This was a fractionist attack against us, which is unacceptable to the situationnists.

To call in comrades from other countries only to hand out a printed leaflet is a not very positive method. It can be explained only as an outcome of the non-activity policy of those four members. This is no good omen for the future of our movement, Internationale Situationniste.

It is not only pointless but ridiculous indeed to pull the emergency brake when the train has already stopped.

Paris 13th February 1962.
Jacqueline de Jong, Jörgen Nash, Ansgar Elde