

SUMMATION OF THE PROCESS OF INTEGRATION INTO THE BWC (DC--10/27)

For the past 10 weeks our district has been involved in a process of integrating ourselves into the BWC. The fundamental contradiction in this process is between the amateurishness which inevitably characterized our circle and the professional style of work which must characterize the BWC. As the September issue of The Communist points out, organization is the key to communist work in this period and "the fight against amateurishness, narrow pragmatism, economism and petty bourgeois methods of work, especially in the BWC, must be stepped up." For us this fight has been carried through two stages and is entering a third. At each stage the the contradiction between amateurish and professional methods of work has posed itself in a different way.

In the first stage we were faced with the organizational problem of breaking up the circle and reorganizing it as a district of the BWC. We resolved this problem first, by developing the leading bodies in the district (the DE and DC); second, we reorganized the various collectives of the circle into units of the BWC based on the territorial/industrial principle and structured along democratic centralist lines; and third, we began the process of securing the units and the district as a whole.

In the second stage we were faced with the problem of arming the district ideologically with a basic understanding of the BWC's Overall Plan For Building A Party Of A New Type. We resolved this problem by organizing the nine week study guide which we are just completing. This study was broken down into two main sections: Section I dealt with the question of the fundamental contradiction in our society, our three strategic tasks, and the basis upon which we have singled out party building as our central task. Section II took up the question of the nature and purpose of the party programme, the basis upon which we have singled out party building, the international situation, the BNQ and the UFAI as the key questions in the development of the programme, and the BWC's presentation of these four key questions as it has so far been developed.

As we move toward unfolding the third stage in the process of integration into the BWC--the stage of practically carrying out our Overall Plan for Building the Party (i.e. developing and implementing an initial plan for work in this area)--it is important to review our work in the first two stages, particularly the second. In carrying out this review, unit leaders should address themselves to the following questions:

- (1) Have we accomplished our aim of arming comrades throughout the district with a basic grasp of our Overall Plan? Are comrades in your unit generally clear on the questions raised in sections I and II of the study guide? Do comrades consciously think in terms of carrying out the Overall Plan?
- (2) How could the study have been better organized? Was the general idea of focusing around the Overall Plan sound? What particular aspects of the study could have been strengthened?
- (3) Is it clear to comrades in your unit where we stand in relation to the whole process of integration into the BWC?

(4) STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF OUR LINE

NOTE: COMRADES SHOULD AVOID SUPERFICIAL ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ("Too wordy", "STUDY GUIDES WEREN'T OUT ON TIME", ETC.) THESE CRITICISMS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE REPEATED.

RE THE COMMUNIST

We plan to have a full discussion of the entire October issue of The Communist at the District Committee Meeting. This discussion will evaluate each of the articles in the paper in regard to:

- (1) How this article relates to our Central Task
- (2) The political line of the article as it relates to the line of the BWC on the four basic party building issues: ie the party, BNQ, international situation and united front.
- (3) How well the article carries out the task of each of the four major sections of the newspaper outlined in the August edition in the article "What Is The Communist"
- (4) How this article can be used in our mass work, in uniting with the advanced, in bringing ML to the class....

Comrades should not be mechanical about these four points outlined, but should try and consider each article ~~xxxxxxx~~ with these questions in mind.

On the basis of the District Committee meeting, each unit should plan to devote the entire unit meeting of the weekend of ~~October~~ ^{October} 2-3 to a discussion of The Communist. This meeting should at once evaluate the lines of the various articles and overall the development of the paper, as well as try and train cadre in the ability to size up the paper, be systematic in studying the paper, and consciously try to take up the paper in our mass work.

This last point cannot be emphasized too much, for the Communist plays a critical role in our work - a role very different than papers such as the Call, Revolution, etc. The Communist is the central organ of the BWC, the major means by which the political line of our organization is brought to the advanced sectors of the class, and the major means of political education within the organization. This means that the paper is not something to be casually read, but something to be studied carefully.

In line with this, each cadre ~~is~~ is to have a copy of the letter of October 15 to the NS/propaganda committee which criticizes the paper, as an example of what should be the attitude taken.

Proposal:

We will discuss the proposal that each unit will subsequently have a rotating responsibility to ~~xx~~ produce a written summary of the paper for the entire District. This would mean that each unit would have this responsibility every several months. This does not mean that in the interim each unit is excused for discussing the Communist, but that on occasion each unit would have a more substantial responsibility, along the lines of the enclosed letter, but more detailed and with more suggestions as to how to resolve weaknesses.

→ Comrades should also make a brief summation of how the propaganda discussion on the State and fascism went in the unit. We will determine the next session when we get the October issue and let units know what the topic will be.

NOTE TO UNIT LEADERS

RE Propaganda meeting on ~~XXXXXXXX~~ (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT DC MEET.)

This meeting will be attended by one comrade from each unit. Its purpose will be to review the current situation of each unit in taking up the readings outlined in a previous memo on "Be Well Posted on The State of Affairs."

The meeting will review ~~af~~ the progress of each unit/cadre in subscribing to the materials, sum up the importance of the materials, discuss plans as how to utilize the materials.

To prepare for the meeting the comrade should have made some kind of summation in the unit of each comrades progress, studied each of the materials carefully, and thought about how best to utilize the materials - in terms of a discussion of current events once a month in the unit, along the lines of the propaganda talk, or whether or not such a meeting should be aimed at unit leadership rather than cadre...

Bring copies of all material to be discussed

Who will attend the meeting should be determined by unit leadership - for this person (it could be leadership) will be regularly responsible for following up on these matters. This comrade should have some responsibility - or look foward developing responsibility for propaganda work in the unit.