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RE: Initial Discussion on how to use THE COMMUNIST

Comrades,

After years and months of struggles with right opportunism, then left opportunism, with centrists and revisionists, with ebasvinists and all stripes of rip off artists within our own ranks, the BWC has emerged as a leading ideological force in the struggle to build a communist party in the US. A major obstacle to our taking the leading role that our grasp of Marxist Leninism requires has been the lack of a political organ, a collective organizer, a newspaper. With the publication of THE COMMUNIST our organization enters a new stage in its development, as a truly multi-national communist organization operating on a national scale. We will have a thorough discussion of THE COMMUNIST, how to use it and what to do with it in a week or two, but for the moment, this paper is designed to give some indication of what to discuss in the unit meetings this weekend.

- (1) This paper is a tool to carry out our three immediate tasks: further grasping ML, uniting all honest ML's, and digging into the class. Anotherwards, the paper will be used to intensify our study, to unite other honest comrades in the communist movement, and to unite with the advanced sectors of the class. The publication of THE COMMUNIST and its use ~~text~~ as a weapon to help forge the new communist party is the task of the entire organization.
- (2) THE COMMUNIST is directed toward honest communists and advanced workers which we encounter in our work, not toward the "left" in general or as publicity for the BWC. The tasks of the paper are set out on p4 and should be studied carefully.
- (3) To be a collective organizer, both ideologically, politically and organizationally, our work with the paper must be conscious. All comrades distributing the paper will be required to sum up the use of the paper at the end of the month, going back and talking to people you sold it to. This will be explained more fully in a later document.
- (4) Unite leaders will include a section summing up the paper in their monthly written report on the unit. This should cover a summation a/ how the line in the paper was studied, criticisms, suggested improvement, problems that arose, etc b/ where the paper was distributed, what its affect was, what people thought of it, how it moved them closer to the organization.
- (5) All papers are to be sold, nothing is given away. Unite leaders will be responsible for the cost of the paper they take, to be handled along with the dues every month. Distribution of the paper in bulk, to stores, etc, will be handled on a District wide basis.

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