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NOTE: We want briefly to lay out several criticisms we have received which we unite with. The self-criticisms listed below will be deepened in future documents.)

1. On "proletarian kernel"-- the paper belittles the term. We failed to point out the scientific validity of the term, which the RWL vulgarized by using it to equate itself with the correct line, and which we further vulgarized by limiting it to RWL's usage. Also, we one-sidedly dealt with it rather than clearly pointing out the relatively stronger class stand that comrades from working class backgrounds often have.

2. We failed to draw out the RWL's organizational line, its organizational Menshevism. We saw this some, but further study of RWL's internal history and recently WVO's newspaper, #4 (an article entitled "Party Spirit vs. Circle Spirit: Expose RWL/PRRWO's Menshevism on the Organizational Question") have deepened this aspect of the criticism.

3. Definition of Advanced Workers-- We have been operating under an incorrect definition of advanced worker. The incorrect aspect of this definition was the view that AW's "are actively studying" (p.23), even before beginning to work with communists. In line with this, we have also been incorrectly portraying WVO's line on this point. We will soon sum this up and put it out.

4. We incorrectly viewed the earlier period in the development of the communist movement as one where "ideology was the key link" (p.35). Rather, the first period, 1958-72, was characterized by a struggle to retrieve and reaffirm MLMTT, as against the eclectic and revisionist views on the major questions of the US revolution (the role of the working class, dictatorship of the proletariat, armed struggle, the state, etc.). The struggle over these questions allowed us to retrieve ML theory and to uphold, in the process, proletarian ideology.

5. We incorrectly stated of RWL that "all of its line struggles have had Black Nationalism as a component." (p. 29) We still uphold that the fundamental form of bourgeois ideology in contradiction with MLMTT within RWL has been bourgeois nationalism, that bourgeois nationalism is RWL's main ideological deviation, but it has not been a component of "all" RWL's line struggles.

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