

Bruce Occena

May 15, 1979

Comrade:

It has come to our attention that you have criticisms of the line of the OC Steering Committee on the recent developments in the Club Network, particularly as that line was expressed by our chairperson in a speech April 4. These criticisms have been raised privately with a number of OC organizations and individuals and yet no attempt has been made to communicate them to the Steering Committee or any of its authorized representatives.

In our view, a principled approach to pursuing criticisms of an organization is to raise them first to its responsible leading body or its representatives. It is particularly important to follow this approach when those criticisms are directed primarily at that leadership. To fail to do so, can only encourage suspicions that one's motives are not a genuine rectification of errors, but fostering distrust in the elected leadership of an organization in order to undermine its unity.

From a criticism you, yourself, advanced of one Steering Committee member, we know that you advocate this kind of approach in relation to your own organization. And since we are certain that you have no desire to undermine our unity, we are sure that you will communicate your criticisms to us in writing. After reviewing your letter, we will be happy to circulate it, along with our reply, to all OC members.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

cc. OC members.

Comradely,
Steering Committee/OCIC