

Dear TMLC comrades,

I want to strongly encourage you to have one of your comrades participate on the national planning committee for the conferences to sum-up the OCIC. In addition, as a leading theoretical force within our trend you have an<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> independent perspective which will greatly contribute to a more all sided and rigorous discussion.

During some intital discussions between Max and Melinda and myself there was disagreement over whether you really saw the need to contribute to the development of the antirevisionist, anti left opportunist trend. Max and Melinda seemed to feel that ~~Max~~ you really didn't agree with this goal and therefor you wouldn't play a positive role on the planning committee. This is indicated in their letter. I felt just the opposite. In my opinion your participation in the planning committee, along with MINP's and the Collective, would be key in developing a trend wide summation process.

In summing up my experience in the OCIC I now realize that the sectarian policy which we pursued towards a number of organizations, including your own, meant that the trend was never really able to develop a movement wide theoretical life and struggle. Yet despite the extremely sectarian stand of the OCIC, the original goals of centralized struggle among all forces remains an important goal today. It is my hopes that a planning committee to sum-up the OCIC could really reflect this approach by including all of the leading positions in the actual planning, conceptualization, and implementation of the process.

As I understand it from other comrades, the TMLC is more and more questioning the viability of our trend to really develop a Party. I would assume that this is partly due to seeing the failure of the OCIC, and not having confidence in the LOM. Many comrades in our ovement feel this. In my opinion, what is important is not to have agreement with any of the particular organizations but to generally be committed to the process of forging a Party which is opposed to both revisionism and ultra-leftism. The TMLC seems to continue to be committed to this process and for this reason I see no reason that you shouldn't be on the Planning committee. On the other hand I see many reasons why you should, not the least of which the opportunity for comrades who share a common goal of forging a new communist party to take another small step forward to the realization of that goal. I hope we will have the opportunity to work together on this project.

Comradely greetings,

Dave Forrest