

Socialist Workers Party

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Dear Barry,

I'd like to outline for you the behavior of the eight comrades that we recently expelled, at the Greater Boston Peace Action Coalition (GBPAC) Workshop Conference held last Sunday, October 3, 1971.

As you know, two of the people, Nancy Adolphi and Ken Simpson, are still in the YSA. Neither of them attended the joint fraction meeting where assignments were made for all comrades. They were both subsequently informed of their assignments, but as will be clear, did not carry them out.

At the registration table for the conference, Terry Bell, Dave Morgan, and Steve McKenna registered as members of the Communist Tendency. Neal Grover and Nancy Adolphi registered as being from the Workers League (Nancy used the name Nancy Bell), and Kevin Fitzpatrick registered as from O.C.I. Ken Simpson registered as being from YSA, and Dave Fender was not present.

Throughout the conference, Neal Grover selectively passed out copies of the enclosed leaflet. I say selectively, because, to our knowledge, ~~he~~ he only gave it to members of the Spartacist League and to comrades who are former members of the Proletarian Orientation Tendency. What you have is an original. It was Xeroxed. Apparently they have money, but either do not have access to a mimeograph machine or do not know how to run one.

The Spartacist League had an intervention of about 20-25 including a delegation of some 10-15 from New York headed by Al Nelson who was their spokesperson throughout the conference. Apparently they did not grasp what a "workshop" conference is all about. Concentrating themselves almost entirely in the Labor Workshop, they introduced a six-part motion which was never written down. We recall that it included a.) No liberal politicians in the coalition; b.) Smash Imperialism; c.) Victory for the Vietnamese Revolution, stop covering up the role of the Stalinists in S.E. Asia; d.) A repudiation of the gangster-like tactics employed at the July NPAC conference; and e.) Build a Labor Party, for a working class general strike against the war. They also discussed 30 for 40, but we don't remember whether this was a separate (the sixth) point or not.

As you can imagine, now that they have discovered the working class, every affiliated and un-affiliated radical was in the Labor Workshop including all 7 of the ex-SWPers. In addition, there were a few independent unionists and 26 comrades.

In addition to the Spartacist resolution, there was one submitted by the National Caucus of Labor Committees which had two

supporters and the GBPAC proposal which was simply to set up a Trade Union Task Force which would coordinate labor participation in November 6. Needless to say, we were supporting the GBPAC proposal, a fact which we made crystal clear in the fraction meeting. In addition, John McCann's name was on the proposal in its printed form, and he read it to the workshop.

During the discussion, Dave Morgan, Neal Grover and, I believe, Kevin Fitzpatrick spoke. The tenor of their remarks was along the same lines as Al Nelson's and others who spoke from the Spartacist League and the NCLC. This was to berate the SWP for its reformist functioning in the anti-war "pop front," and to urge us not to do so any more. We were accused of running reformist election campaigns and in general, functioning in a non-revolutionary fashion.

All seven of our ex-members, including the two supposedly still under YSA discipline, voted for the Spartacist League resolution and against the GBPAC resolution. This is hardly the way one who was functioning as a "loyal" left opposition, "wrongly" expelled from the SWP could be expected to function.

Because of their actions, Ken and Nancy will be brought up on charges of indiscipline in the YSA.

This is what happened on Sunday. Just one further thing. On Monday, a sympathizer of the party overheard the following phone conversation involving a known member of the Spartacist League, "You know they expelled the CT. Call the people that you know in the Proletarian Orientation in Chicago and make sure they know." I want to make it clear that I am not implying anything about the functioning of the former members of the P.O.T. I am reporting the conversation simply to indicate that opponent tendencies are doing some selective contact work on our membership. For this reason it seems to me that information on the expulsion plus at least some of the information that is in this letter be made available throughout the party to contradict the one sided gossiping and rumor mongering that is going on around us.

By the way, it is my opinion that no one can still maintain the slightest doubt about the wisdom of the actions of the Boston Branch after the performance that the eight ex-members put on here over the weekend.

Comradely,



Dave Wulp, Boston Organizer

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ONLY THE WORKERS CAN END THE WAR

The war in VietNam is not an "unjust, illegal and immoral war" -- it is an imperialist war, designed to provide for the political and economic expansion of capitalism. The Socialist Workers Party, which claims to be Trotskyist, has totally abandoned the class struggle against war, which requires the political mobilization of the working class, for a program of alliance with the "soft" wing of the ruling class. This wing of the bourgeoisie is against this particular war because it has been an unsuccessful war. Its only difference with Nixon and the "hard" wing he represents is around what is best for imperialism!

The SWP has for long inveighed against political support for capitalist candidates, because this would result in the political subordination of the proletariat to the "progressive" wing of the capitalists - the despised "Popular Front." But its program in the "peace" movement is to give all kinds of political support to the "left" wing of the bourgeoisie, short of electoral support. Its program makes it into the "best builders of the antiwar movement" - in the interest of the ruling class. The SWP now routinely demands a bourgeois speaker and provides a platform for its deceit.

This adaptation to one wing of the ruling class also explains the SWP's turn to the union bureaucrats. This is no principled United Front which exposes the betrayers and wins the masses. It is simply a tail-ending of those labor fakers who have followed their capitalist masters into the "peace" movement. Given the present economic situation and the incipient growth of worker militancy the SWP seeks to prove in NPAC its ability to sell out, in hopes of future opportunities in the labor movement. Long a centrist party, the SWP seeks to go over to the camp of betrayal in the most rapid possible fashion.

Nor is its betrayal restricted to the U.S. The "Trotskyists" of the SWP have even abandoned the fight against Stalinism. They bloc naturally with the CP and CP-influenced bureaucrats at home, and have never exposed the Stalinist betrayers of the NLF/PRG/DRV combination who have seized control of a spontaneous movement in order to lead it to defeat, as they did in 1946 and 1954. A coalition (bourgeois) government is on the agenda for VietNam, as evidenced by Paris and Nixon's trip to "People's China."

A working-class struggle against war must be based on factory anti-war committees, which strike and boycott action, and lead to a political organ, a labor party in the fight against the bureaucrats and the capitalists.

In place of the idle dream of "reconversion," of money for urban renewal, etc., must be advanced a transitional program of struggle, which must include confiscation of war profits and nationalization of war industries under workers control. A massive program of public works under workers control is needed to stop "defense" unemployment. This would include reopening closed factories. A sliding scale of wages and hours (30 for 40, escalator clause) would go along with this, as would committee on prices of housewives and working women for real "price-controls". And this is only the beginning.

In the case of the armed forces, the slogan "abolition of conscription" only plays into the hands of the ruling class, which must demobilize this rebellious army, just as it had to do with the draftee army of World War II. The "volunteer army" is a threat to the working class. In addition to work in the present armed forces, we must advance a proletarian military policy demanding military training for working men and women under trade union control, financed by the government. Election of officers is also required.

Only this program and this outlook can insure a defeat for imperialism. Anything short of this, like the SWP's minimal program of "immediate withdrawal" alone, will result only in a victory for imperialism in a slightly masked form. If the liberals are permitted to end this war on their terms, then there is a certain prospect of more wars yet to come. Only the ending of imperialism can end war, and only the proletariat can end imperialism.

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