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TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

At its meeting of June 14, 1972, the Political Committee discussed and projected a party propaganda offensive on the question of Stalinism, both in relation to the American Communist Party and the world Stalinist movement.

This propaganda offensive will be conducted mainly through our press and election campaign. Another tool we can use is our forums.

The treachery of Moscow in relation to the Vietnamese revolution, highlighted by the Nixon visit, is an especially important issue right now. There are indications that this question has shaken some of the CP periphery and even some CP members. Many antiwar activists are angered and confused over Moscow's betrayal -- even figures like I.F. Stone and Carey McWilliams have written articles on the question which the Daily World has attacked. Our analysis of Stalinism provides the correct and clear explanation of these events, and we should vigorously present our views to the broader radical and antiwar movement, and to those influenced by the CP.

One way which some branches have begun to do this is through forums on the Nixon-Brezhnev visit. We would like to encourage all branches to hold such forums. Possibilities of organizing debates on the question with CP spokespersons should also be explored.

Comradely,

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