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Report from workshop of personal, political, family  
FAMILY PROBLEMS

Raising families sets up a new relationship between families and the ruling class, additional relationships. Our job as communists is to figure out how to fight the ruling class on these questions as we have families, as well as fighting the ruling class on the other issues. Given this new set of relations, its important that we work out a plan to deal with these questions in a class way. Raising children is a big responsibility and a lot of work, which should be collective. That is, collective between husband and wife and also we as communists, fellow Wammers, workers, or students should have a collective attitude about the problems of people with families. We should struggle with men and women to solve their problems in relation to fighting the ruling class. People should work collectively with their bases to help do this.

For women who want to and are able to take a major part of the responsibility of raising their children at home, a plan of political work should be worked out that focuses on fights in the community for better schools, fighting racism in the schools and other demands. Having children puts us in closer touch with many other working class families

51 In our neighborhoods and these relationships can be turned into fights against the ruling class and recruitment to the party.

Men and Women should have the choice of having free daycare available or raising their own children. Now they have no choice. The demand for daycare for working women and men is an important demand for the working class. Many people don't want to send their children to daycare centers, but for many others fights for daycare will be a life and death fight. Many people are now forced to leave their children unattended. This fight should be raised in unions (for daycare centers to be paid by the boss and run by the union) and in communities. Fighting for daycare is one of the ways we see of treating a "personal" problem politically.

Families and family problems caused by the ruling class are often discussed on the job and can be very political discussions. PL members have a reputation for loyalty to their spouses which will help us win respect from other workers. The workers will want someone in leadership they know is stable and reliable. All "family problems" can be related to our national program. For example, women and men need 30 for 40 to have more time to spend raising their children collectively.

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There was discussion of preferential hiring and upgrading for women workers. More internal bulletins ~~will be~~ should be written on this.

The party has to be more vigorous in carrying out these fights for daycare, better schools, and the demands in the TU report on women workers. Without this fight we cant win 30 for 40 and we wont win women, especially w minority women to leadership in the mass movement and in the party. (see ~~over~~ <sup>below</sup> for continuation)

The wrokshop proposes....

(1) Specific plans made in clubs for the work of women with small children which include fights around problems in the schools, etc. (if this women is not working).

(2) The need for daycare centers be raised in unions where appropriate and in community work.

(3) Discussion in the party and WAM about collective babysitting and scheduling to allow workers with children to participate more actively in the class struggle.

(4) Much more discussion in internal bulletins leading to a more complete line on personal political problems, after which a

pamphlet could be produced winning people to the party based on fighting problems they have by fighting the ruling class. Some topics which should be writtn on include (older people in the party with more experience in raising families should write also).... problems of women and men ~~at~~ with young children and how to fight them, demands for preferential hiring and upgrading of women workers, problems of single people, child-raising related to how best to raise children, fight the ruling class and win these children to the party.

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It is very important that the party begin to take up these questions and to struggle for collective attitudes towards raising families and fighting the problems that come up which are caused by capitalism. More attention has to be paid to the internal struggle against chauvinism, to the political work of women with young children. We can't have the attitude that only comrades and friends with children can understand that raising children takes a lot of time and entails problems. The time spent raising children can be spent politically with other people raising their children. We should pay more attention to this question so that people with families will be encouraged to join the party, fight the rotten racist schools, and fight for socialism.