

Proposed Agenda for Formation of Bay Area ML Circle

Purpose of Circle: Formation of a ML circle of collectives, other circles and individuals (to possibly include other organizations at a later stage?) who are united on:

- (1) the central task for communists as being the building of a genuine communist party of a new type
 - (2) willingness to combat revisionism and right opportunism (main dangers within communist movement)
 - (3) the position on the BNQ as put forward at this point in BWC pamphlet and paper from ex RU people in Detroit
 - (4) Commitment to pursue the study guide on party building developed by the BWC and FRRWO
 - (5) Commitment to conduct ideological struggle and apply MLM in our mass work through work teams
 - (6) Carry on struggle to repudiate errors in our past work and to thoroughly investigate the line and practice of existing communist organizations/collectives both locally and nationally. In particular to initiate relations with the continuation committee as a circle.
- (a plan to do this will emerge out of the conference)

agenda:

(1) Presentation as to the material basis for determining the central task for communists at this time.

- ..origins of the various communist organizations presently, rise of anti revisionist struggle... reasons for this
- ..how the material conditions of the class struggle have changed from mid 1960-s to now. What is the stage of the class struggle, and what does it require of the most advanced sectors of the working class
- ..emergence of two line struggle within communist movement: united front work, trade union work, black national question - party building
- ..formation of continuation committee, etc Summary of various groups and organizations around relating to this... Result of two line struggle
- ..plans of groups and organizations regarding party building

(2) The struggle over the BNQ

- ..emergence of question within anti-revisionist forces, late 1960's
- ..formulation of Red Papers #5
- ..practice of RU, BWC, FRRWO and others around national question
- ..emergence of crit of RP #5, conditions that gave rise to...
- ..Presentation of line of BWC and Detroit paper
 - historical development black nation, Comintern, "C"USA, Second World War, third stage theory..
 - development of crit within RU/BWC around RP#5..
 - importance of black belt as a factor of land in Stalins formations... right of self determination and democratic rights..etc.
- ..Bundist line of RU: revolutionary nationalism and bourgeois nationalism
- ..relation of national and class struggle today

(readings to be determined along with detailed questions to consider)

- ..RELATION OF BNQ TO NATIONAL QUESTION
- ..RELATION OF BNQ TO PARTY BUILDING

(3) Party Building as the central task for Communists

- ..rise of modern revisionism in CPUSA
- ..development of anti revisionist communist movement
- ..emergence of party building as central task(CL...)
- ..what is a party: (Mao, Lenin, Stalin)
- ..how will a party change things in this country?
- ..how will a party function?
- ..what are the steps to build it
- ..who will be in the party?
- ..will a genuine CP function different in the US due to unique conditions?
- ..how correct line on party building is the essence of the ones line, how it affects all aspects of work, concretely ie TU, UF, etc.
- ..what is the relation between holding this line and forming this circle..
- ..continuation committee/September conference..
- ..difference between proletarian and bourgeois line on party building

(4) Presentation of organizational plan for circle

Preparations for the meeting:

- (1) ~~Guidelines~~ Guidelines on how to prepare for the meeting should be drafted
- (2) Two meetings should be planned, one on BNQ, another on PB, that would prepare the discussions for the conference, ie determine readings, study questions, plan presentations, etc. Probably half day meetings.
- (3) Peoples should be provided with a number of papers:
on BNQ, PB, papers of other organizations, notes from continuation committee, work reports of comrades that are available, the Detroit circle summation, SF collective paper
- (4) a working group to ~~plan~~ prepare a plan of organization for regional circle

and thoroughly what it means to build a party; how it will change the work of communism; why it must be built, what the steps are to build it, the history of other parties and what we must learn from them, the application of these lessons to building a party here in the US, etc. The BWC study guide is a good start, but barely touches the surface. We should try to strengthen this part of the study guide on party building. We need to move ahead ~~fast~~ as fast as possible to understand these issues. The work of building a circle, carrying on study, summing up past errors and examining the lines of various organizations, and digging deeper roots within the class - all these tasks require a firm and clear understanding of party building. Ideological clarity on this question is the key to our work, the key to proletarian revolution.