

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM  
AND COMMUNISM AND PERSONAL CONTRADICTIONS  
OF THE TUCSON MARXIST-LENINIST COLLECTIVE



Resolutions Concerning Criticism and Self-Criticism in the Collective

- 1) Criticism and self-criticism should never be on the spur of the moment, but carefully thought out and written down.
- 2) The key question in every criticism is: What is the principle involved?
- 3) Criticism must be specific: names, places, events, conversations, etc. How the specified principles were violated must be shown.
- 4) Concrete proposals for the rectification of the specific situation and, if necessary, organizational measures against comrades, must come out of every criticism if it is to be constructive.

How Criticism Is To Be Conducted:

- 1) If a sufficient number of comrades are involved or if the comrade bringing the criticism was not present when the situation occurred, an investigation can be requested by the comrade bringing up the criticism and the request to the organizer. Thereupon, that comrade will be held fully responsible for the conduct of the investigation.
- 2) Comrades being investigated should be notified when the exec approves proceeding with an investigation. Comrades should also be informed after the exec approves the report of the criticism of them. Comrades should be allowed every opportunity to present their own case.

- 3) The results of the investigation, or the report if there was no investigation, will be presented to and discussed by the exec.
- 4) Either the executive will approve the report and present it to the entire collective, or it will reject the report and present its reasons for doing so to the entire collective. The collective, in the latter case can vote to override the executive and hear the report anyway.
- 5) The entire collective will vote to either accept or reject the report of the criticisms and the accompanying proposals. Organizational measures taken against comrades may be reconsidered at a later date if the comrade/comrades concerned make sincere self-criticism and reform their work.

#### Resolutions Concerning Communism and Personal Contradictions

- 1) For the Communist a correct theory and practice in her/his personal life is just as important as is a correct line in his/her economic, political, ideological and theoretical practice.
- 2) The personal lives of Communists are a collective responsibility, just as are their political or theoretical activities. The theory that personal activities are entirely an individual responsibility, and not the concern of the Party (Collective) is a capitulation to bourgeois ideology and bourgeois individualism.
- 3) The personal lives of comrades cannot be separated from their lives as Communists. The theory that there is a dichotomy between the "personal" and the "political" is a capitulation to bourgeois ideology. Marxism holds that while these aspects of a comrades life are distinct and separate they are closely inter-related.
- 4) Communists in their personal lives must be guided by a rejection of all bourgeois ideologies. A Communist's attitudes, patterns of thought and patterns of behavior must reflect their rejection of all bourgeois ideology. Communists must be guided by comradeship in their relationships with each other, and must at all times set an example in their personal lives of the new type of individual which will characterize Communism.
- 5) Personal contradictions that develop in the course of a meeting must be dealt with immediately. It is the responsibility of any member who is aware of the development of a personal contradiction to expose it.
- 6) Comrades with personal contradictions or conflicts shall attempt to resolve the problem in a comradely manner working person to person, including other comrades when it may be helpful.
- 7) When the comrade to comrade approach does not solve the contradiction, it should be handled following the guidelines of political criticism.
- 8) We must raise personal contradictions which are crucial and decisive, not every example or manifestation of a problem.