

We Have a New Name!! See above.

The next General Meeting will be on : Sunday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m., at 534 Precita Ave, in San Francisco, in between Precita Park and the intersection where Precita joins Army near Bryant.

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

*Discussion of the new leadership role of the CC. *Nominations for at-large positions for the CC. *Political statements and summations of strengths and weaknesses of their past participation in BASOC by nominated people (3 min. each). (This does not mean that newer people are not eligible. *Elections of at-large CC members. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE NEW CC, PREPARE A STATEMENT!

REPORT FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:

- 1) We chose a name for the organization-- BASOC, Bay Area Socialist Organizing Committee.
- 2.) A new small group concentrating on mass work in the area of struggle for Democratic Rights was authorized to function as part of BASOC.
- 3) The body approved several amendments and additions to the program of study, and then voted to accept the program as amended. The revised study program will be available soon through the coordinators of the small groups.
- 4) Each small group was directed to elect a representative to the CC by the time of the next general meeting.
- 5) Election of the 6 at-large members of the new CC will take place at the next general meeting.

REPORT FROM THE OLD CC:

After a sum-up of our work as the leadership body of the "process", we agreed on some recommendations for the new CC to take into consideration as it takes up the tasks of the next period.

Everyone in the new CC should be prepared to take on some organizational work. The first task of the new CC will be to develop an internal division of labor and constitute appropriate subcommittees, where necessary recruiting other people from the organization to serve on

subcommittees led by CC members. Some possible subcommittees are: Mass work, Liason (with other groups), Events and Forums, Internal organization (dues, minutes, membership, childcare, newsletter, meetings, etc.). These tasks must be taken up in a planned way even if subcommittees are not formed.

The CC should have a subcommittee which represents every small group and which deals with the practical mass work people are doing. This group should decide which parts of the mass work need to be discussed in the CC or organization-wide. Coordinating practical work should be an important, but secondary, task of the CC. The CC's primary role should be organizing and summarizing the political debate around the issues raised by the study program. This doesn't imply that political line is more important than practical political work, but is an organizational priority for the CC in the next period.

The CC should regularize a way to talk about what is happening in the small groups, and regularize a way for small groups to talk about what is happening in the CC.

CC members should be responsible: 1) to make a written report each month on the progress of their small group; 2) take back to the to the small groups discussions from the CC; 3) individual CC members should not be bound to vote the majority position from their small group, but should consider what's best for BASOC as a whole; but 4) the CC is responsible to popularize the different sides of important debates; and then 5) decisions of the CC are subject to review of the general meeting.

The CC needs to develop a plan for achieving unity around the issues in the study program. In general this will be a process of articulating broad unities which already exist within the group. In some cases there will be different approaches, and these will probably be based on people's different experiences in the movement. In these cases it is the responsibility of the CC to try to clarify the two or three major ideological currents. This would often take the form of encouraging leading proponents of different positions to write papers and circulate

them. The CC should then plan debates, in general meetings or other forums, where the real reasons for differences are laid as bare as possible so that people can decide whether the differences are antagonistic, or what form of unity should be reached.

The CC should organize discussion about debates within the anti-revisionist, anti-ultra-left tendency in our movement, specifically about positions currently being taken by the Guardian, the Organizing Committee for an Ideological Center, PUL and El Comite.

Some specific proposals to the CC are to spend one session getting to know one another, personally and politically, and to spend one session discussing the process of criticism and self-criticism (hopefully before the small groups discuss that section). C/SC is a tool to help us steer our way between liberal mushiness and unprincipled splitting in the period ahead, which is going to involve increasing controversy as we start articulating our unities. We also recommend a discussion of what it means to have an organized political caucus in the group, the Committee for Party-Building Perspective.

CULTURAL FORUM: THE ROLE OF ART IN THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT:

On Friday, Dec. 1, the culture group will present a forum examining the unique contribution that can be made to anti-imperialist organizing by solid artistic and cultural works. We will view Newsreel's film on multinationals, Controlling Interest, and discuss both it and Ousmane Sembene's great novel of class and national struggle in West Africa, God's Bit of Wood. People who are interested are urged to start reading the novel now. It's available at Modern Times and at SF State right now at a cut rate price. The culture group is preparing a set of study questions and a list of which parts of the novel are especially important, should people not have the time to read it all. This material will be distributed at the next general meeting and through the small groups. This was one of the sessions from the original study program that unfortunately had to be cut. We're hoping for a big turnout of BASOC members and friends. It should be an interesting night.

PARTY!! A BASOC holiday party (Mao's

birth, Hanukka, Winter Solstice, Commemoration of the Flint Sit-Down Strike, Christmas, whatever) is being planned for a Saturday night in mid-December, either the 9th or the 16th. This organization is starving for R&R time together, so here's a step in that direction. A possible format is to have the culture group prepare an hour or so's worth of theater improvs around different political themes that are on people's minds in general, or that come up around the holidays in particular. Suggestions along these lines should be passed on to Bill at 391-3445. After the theater games, we'll loosen on down to a foot stompin', fast dancin' bash extraordinaire. Anyone wanting to help on any of this should call either Bill, or Hillary (her number is 821-7656). Start getting ready for this one, cause it's going to be a night to remember.

LENDING LIBRARY: International Fiction and Poetry. Meets 3rd Sunday of every month at 3940 Vale, Oakland (94619), between 4 and 7 p.m., and again between 8 and 10 p.m. Membership is \$1-\$5, every 3 months. You get to take out two books at a time. When you return these, you can take out two more. Over 90 books are presently in stock, and this will be growing over time. Special areas so far: Literature of the 30's, Black Liberation, Anti-Fascist Literature, African Literature. For further information, call Ernie at 929-4998 (work) or 530-2732 (after 7 p.m.).

LEAP FORWARD, feminist dancers Linda McCormick and Consuelo Faust will perform Fridays and Saturdays, December 8 & 9, and 15 & 16, at 8:30 p.m., at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia Street, San Francisco. Pieces will include Cinderella, The Hunter, Working and Custom Made Woman.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!! Now that we are doing more work in a more coordinated way, and are planning more special events, our expenses are starting to rise. We need more money to keep pace with this expanded output, so please be responsible about dues payments.