

ULTRA-LEFTISM TASK FORCE PROPOSAL

The ULTF is a subcommittee of the SC whose purpose is to aid the SC in consolidating the OCIC around an all-sided summation of modern ultra-leftism. As such, its primary task is the production of a substantial document, extensively analyzing ultra-leftism in our movement. This document should analyze, at least:

- 1) the historical roots of ultra-leftism in our movement;
- 2) its major manifestations in political line;
- 3) its ideological roots;
- 4) the role of dogmatism and flunkyism;
- 5) the relation of right and left errors;
- 6) its class basis;
- 7) the key link in the struggle against ultra-leftism; and
- 8) the relation of modern revisionism and modern ultra-leftism.

Particular attention must be paid to the critique of the major manifestations of ultra-leftism in political line because this critique is impossible without the elaboration of an alternative political line, at least in very general terms. The summation of modern ultra-leftism will, therefore, represent a general political line (very general) for the OCIC. Particular attention must also be paid to the relation of modern revisionism and modern ultra-leftism. Since the summation of modern ultra-leftism will necessitate a critique of modern ultra-leftism's conception of anti-revisionism, it will therefore necessarily have to elaborate a Marxist-Leninist view of revisionism and the struggle against it. It will therefore be one of the cornerstones of the OCIC's anti-revisionism. Finally, particular attention must be paid to laying bare the ideological roots of modern ultra-leftism. Because, if the political errors are corrected without uprooting the ideological basis, new ultra-left political offshoots are bound to reappear.

In order to prepare the OCIC for taking up such an all-sided summation, the ULTF has important secondary tasks:

- 1) Organizing an OCIC-wide study of the basic Marxist-Leninist view of opportunism generally and ultra-leftism in particular.
- 2) Preparing several short documents or articles (for the Guardian and/or Organizer) which address specific aspects of the question in order to stimulate and advance the ideological struggle around the summation of ultra-leftism. For example, a treatment of ultra-leftism in party-building line could both advance the struggle for an all-sided summation and the struggle with the NNMLC. An article on "a single anti-revisionist movement" could help consolidate the OCIC on the importance of the summation of ultra-leftism.

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The process of consolidation of a perspective by the ULTF will go through several steps:

- 1) Study of the basics of the Marxist-Leninist approach to opportunism and opportunist trends, with a special emphasis on ultra-leftism.
- 2) Study of PWOC's and PUL's views. The two most important analyses of ultra-leftism in our movement are those of the PWOC and PUL. The later, while presented in a painfully academic style and seriously distorted by PUL's "left" internationalism, has many insights. It also has much historical material from the anti-revisionist movement. A critique of the views of the PWOC and PUL is a good foundation for beginning to

consolidate a perspective.

- 3) Consolidation of an initial perspective, to be tested and refined by an in-depth study of the history of the anti-revisionist movement in the US.
- 4) Study of the history of the anti-revisionist movement in the US.
- 5) Consolidation of a final summation.

Schedule

Realistically, the ULTF will only be able to meet collectively once every three months or so. This will mean a lot of leadership by the task force chair and extensive written communications. The agenda of the meetings will roughly be as follows:

- #1) a) Consolidation of the Marxist-Leninist method for analyzing opportunist deviations and trends through a discussion of some of the key works of Lenin and Mao. (including Lenin's Marxism and Revisionism, sections IV through VIII of "Left-wing" Communism, and A Resolution on Some Questions in the History of our Party of the CPC/Mao)
b) Initial discussion of the views of the PWOC and PUL which attempts to draw out the main lines of argument, the differences in method and conclusion, and the key questions which must be clarified in order to critique these views (either positively or negatively) and to deepen the analysis.
- #2) a) Further discussion of the views of the PWOC and PUL.
b) Discussion of a draft initial perspective (in outline form or perhaps a series of theses) on the summation of ultra-leftism.
- #3) Discussion of key documents from the history of the anti-revisionist movement. Some documents will be read by everyone. Others will be reported on by members of the task force.
- #4) Discussion of a final summation.

Alongside of this very rough agenda, various special topics will be taken up as the need arises.

Organization and division of labor

- 1) The organization of the work and a division of labor will be worked out by the task force.
- 2) Comrades outside the task force should be drawn into the work. It seems likely that several small groups (or individuals) in various localities can be organized to take up work on important aspects of the summation--the impact of the CPC and Mao Zedong Thought on our movement, summations of the development of particular organizations, etc.

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