

# PROGRESS ON SPLIT

In the last edition of Palante a special edition was published explaining the division within the Party. This division was caused by different political lines. The faction accused the Party of being a "Trotskyite" organization. This would mean that we follow the line of Leon Trotsky, an enemy of the working class people. The ones who follow this line are trotskyites and they follow an incorrect view. The faction is also opposed to the YLP being in Puerto Rico. They have also stated that to work in slums, is to attract unstable elements.

These positions, and four others (which are explained in detail in the special edition), are the reasons for their resignations from the Party. They understood fully well, that in July the First Party Congress was to be held and decisions were going to be made there. They were invited to come and wage struggle with the cadres in the United States, but they were opposed. This shows that they did not try to unite the Party, instead they sought to divide it.

After the division, the Julito Roldan branch in Aguadilla was left with one cadre and the Pedro Albizu Campos branch was left with no cadres. We had to send



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cadres to the closed branches. But, we had to close the branch in Aguadilla. The branch in Santurce was reopened and this was not an easy task. The offices had been closed and no work had been done — for instance, the sale of Palante and work towards the Assembly. The work was allowed to pile up and it was difficult to start from where it was left. The tasks given to the cadres are the following:

1) Distribution of Palante.

2) Distribute the special edition (on the division).

3) Organizing for the Assembly.

4) Make an analysis of the social classes in Puerto Rico and a summary of the YLP practice in Puerto Rico.

From these tasks will come a report to the Party Congress.

Before we arrived in Puerto Rico, a letter was written to the faction which was living in the Party's house and office. They

were asked to leave so that we could begin to do the necessary work. They responded by saying that "the house did not belong to the Party anymore" and they would not permit a Lord in the house. This did not stop us and we went on with our plans, because we knew they were incorrect in saying that the house did not belong to the Party. The Party's Office is to do work for the people, it is not there for people to do nothing. When we arrived, this was put into effect. They left, but not before leveling more accusations, for example that the Party "attracts backward people" (backward elements). This comes from a point of view of superiority -- you think that you're better than other people.

We continued with our work. We distributed Palante, spoke to the people and we are doing investigation and work on the social classes in Puerto Rico. With all this, we have gotten responses from the police agents. The first week we were here, a plainclothes agent came to see us. He wanted to see the leader of the Party and almost demanded attention. When we asked his name and where did he come from, he replied in a filthy, arrogant manner.

this is his reply, "balls of the sky". We suspected him in being interested on the faction and the people that had arrived.

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The following day there was a mysterious fire in the house where we are staying. It was 3:00 a.m. when it came to our attention, the neighbors put out the fire. We find it suspicious because we checked for cigarette butts and found none, we also checked the insect repellent (it is a type of wire coil that has to be lit up to keep away mosquitoes), and it was far away from the area that was burned.

Another thing, we criticize ourselves for this, the door was left open, making it easy for a fire to get started....

At this moment, the agents want us to blame the faction. But we know these are things of the pigs. They are trying to create a situation where the Party and the faction would come to a confrontation — this we will not permit. As we have seen, there are many obstacles

put in our way, they are attempts to stop us from doing our work. We still have to complete our tasks, the assembly which is to be held, Sunday June 18th, at Callejon Aurora No. 91, Stop 23 at 5:00 p.m., and to distribute Palante, etc. Nothing is going to stop from doing what needs to be done, "with the FBI on our backs, with ferre and his lackeys trying to stop us, with wire taps on our phones, paid informers to infiltrate us and arrests and harrassments of our Party members and supporters, the enemy is not able to stop us" The enemy has shown that it can't stop us.

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