

Purpose of meeting...

- A) to bring together a group of collectives and individuals to explore the possibility of uniting into one circle.
- B) to meet all (or most) of the individuals involved
- C) to find out the degree of understanding and agreement between everyone around the following:

1) The position of the Black Workers Congress (BWC) and the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization (PRRWO) on the Black National Question in the USA, as stated in their, Critique of National Bulletin #13 (RU) and as elaborated by the paper on this subject by a group of ex-RU members entitled, Struggle in the RU: In opposition to the Consolidation of the Revisionist Line on the Black National Question (this paper has the endorsement of the ~~BWC~~ BWC, Not known if same by PRRWO)

2) The position of the BWC and the PRRWO on Party Building as stated in their Study Guide on Party Building and the BWC's Introductory Outline for a Discussion Towards Developing an Organizational Strategy on Party Building. As well, the Statement On Joint Meeting of the national circle centered in Detroit and the untitled paper dated March 1974 by the collective attending this meeting from San Francisco, their "First, tentative formulation of the basis upon which we (they) are forming a collective.

- D) to ~~XXX~~ establish a plan for further exploratory discussions specifically around the two points mentioned in C as well as ~~explaining~~ taking concrete steps toward developing a plan for uniting the collectives and individuals into one circle.

The first discussion was ~~by~~ was a rap by a member of the San Francisco collective who attended the "Joint Meeting" of the national circle. He described that meeting and the purpose for this meeting.

The second discussion was each individual separately explaining where they stood in relation to the two points in C, a little about their past political history (particularly what brought them to this meeting) and what they ~~felt~~ thought about combining into one circle. As well, for those who ~~had~~ were still in ~~the~~ the RU to state where they were at in regards to quitting.

(Rather than state each persons position, I'll try to group them)

Group 1) ~~XXXX~~ members of a collective in San Francisco (mentioned earlier) Some of them had ~~been~~ recently quit the RU, primarily around disagreement with the RU line on the Black National Question, although ~~one feel she needs a deeper theoretical understanding of the National Question before she can definitely say she agrees with the BWC.~~ They ~~still have~~ (except for the same individual for same reasons as above) have since come to agree with the BWC and PRRWO on the Party Building Question. The above members are all Black and all agreed that the RU ~~did~~ not relate to Blacks, did not develop Black cadre theoretically and often used Blacks opportunistically. ~~They expressed~~

Others in the group had never been members of the RU but had a lot of experience working with that organization in areas of "United Front Work" and in production of propaganda. Through this experience and questioning the RU they have come to see the RU line as revisionist and have reached agreement with the BWC and PRRWO line on the Black National Question and Party Building.

All participants in the meeting should get a hold of this collective's statement of unity which will explain further their understanding and purpose.

It was explained that thier collective had two levels of unity. The higher level of which all of them present were members was in full agreement with the BWC and PRRWO line on The Black National Question and Party Building. & The lower level was united around studying and checking out the line. (I have a question, is the one Ex-RU member who wasn't sure of the line ~~also~~ and who was present a ~~man~~ on the higher level)

Group 2) Primarily consists of a whole collective of whose members had either quit the RU or were planning to quit the next day (and they did). As well it included some others who had previously been in that collective but were now in another collective in another area. They were mixed on thier feelings of leaving the RU. ~~xxxxxxx~~

The understanding and agreement of this group was very strong in regards to the BWC and PRRWO position on the national Question, but thier was a spread of understanding and agreement with the Party Building line. The spread ranged from some who felt ~~they agreed with it fully~~, strongly in favor of it to those who had only just heard about it recently. All though agree that the need for theoretical development is of utmost importance. Also, that the lack of theoretical study and struggle in the RU was (along with differences on the Black national Question and the incorrect line of the RU on thier area of work) was a major part of thier discission to either quit(or think about quitting).

Group 3) This is more an odds and ends group that actually is not a group at all but unattached individuals. All are ex-RU members (of the recent struggle). All, except for one agrees firmly with the BWC and PRRWO on the Black National Question. The one is has not yet studied the question sufficiently, ~~xxxxxxx~~

Two of these people agreed firmly with the BWC and PRRWO line on Party Building, one explained his own feelings on the subject that need further discussion to clarify and the remaining one has not yet done sufficient study on the question. (same who most yet study the Black National Question. All agreed that the ~~RM~~ need for theoretical study was of the utmost importance.

\*\*\* There are a number of others who are also unattached, but were unable to attend the meeting because of other responsibilities. Some of these are yet in the RU. It is not clear of thier plans.

The chairwoman of this meeting then summed up that ~~thier~~ <sup>THERE</sup> seemed to be sufficient unity around the two positions mentioned in C to proceed toward developing a plan for further discussions to reach greater clarity as well as to take steps toward ~~making~~ developing a plan to unite everyone into one circle.

- It was agreed; there would be a conference (no date yet set) to found the circle.
- that ~~only~~ people still in the RU would have to quit by then if they wanted to join the circle and attend that conference.
  - that a general agreement with both the BWC and PRRWO positions be a condition for attending that conference and joining the circle (at least on the higher level)
  - that general agreement with Detroit "Statement of Joint Meeting" also be a basis for attendance.
  - that a planning group of BOB, Barry, Rhonda, Earl, Larry, Ken and Dan be set up to plan; a) a discussion ~~of~~ for ~~the~~ all participants in this meeting on the Black National Question and another on the Party Building Question.
    - b) the agenda for the conference and to prepare a packet of necessary documents and reading materials for all members ~~to~~ to help them prepare for the conference.
  - that the planning committee was responsible for setting up the necessary

meetings.

- that if there are others that ~~would~~ participants in this meeting wish to invite to ~~with~~ the conference ~~or~~ they should bring it up before one of the two collectives and the collectives will decide. Each collective having the right to bring others.
- that a meeting will be set for Sunday May 5, 1974 at 9:00am with Don Williams of the BWC for the participants in this meeting. To be at same place as this meeting.

Finally, it was discussed and agreed that the Forum Friday nite May 3, 1974 would be sponsored by the ~~Denmark Vessy League~~ and that participants in this meeting who could help on security for that event.

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