

Recognizing the primacy of theoretical work in the present party building period and the crucial role the TR has played, and more importantly, can potentially play in party building; to give the TR a more national character; and recognizing the importance of developing our own theoretical practice in a disciplined fashion, we propose the following:

I. Nature and Editorial Rights of the TR, Boston Bd. (TRB)

A. The TRB will begin from this week forward to function and develop our capacities as an editorial board; we definitely need suggestions and guidance from Tucson (TRT) in this development.

B. Categories of Articles

1. reprints of other theoretical works (Althusser, Harneker, etc.)
  - a. the TRB will suggest such pieces when we find appropriate ones
  - b. the TRB has the right to debate whether the general type of piece should be in an issue but we don't necessarily have to approve the content of each specific piece proposed by TRT.
2. major articles representing the TR
  - a. this requires struggle, debate, and comradely criticism between the two boards,
  - b. equal say and unity is essential
3. articles by TRB or TRT alone
  - a. advance copies would be sent to one another
  - b. unity is not necessary and each board may print its own positions
  - c. this can also help spark debate in the TR, as we recently discussed regarding the rectification piece, since the boards can respond and debate with one another through the journal; thus our own development can be open to a certain extent for the movement to see and intervene in.
4. outside/individual articles
  - a. if TRT plans to print an article, send TRB an advance copy
    - 1) TRB will review the article and usually approve its publication, even if we have reservations, in deference to TRT
    - 2) TRB has veto power though where there is strong disagreement with full communication to follow
  - b. rejected pieces need not be sent around; there should be notification of the other board of the submitted piece and reasons for rejection in brief
  - c. local pieces should be reviewed in full by local board
    - 1) our local would be Boston and immediate vicinity (including Amherst), mainly because we'll be accountable for what the TR as a whole does (eg the Wamba situation)
    - 2) pieces by an individual in either board (eg the China articles, book reviews) will obviously be approved by the whole board before sent to the other

- d. TRT has same deference/veto power over TRB approved outside articles as in 4a.

## II TRB tasks and obligations

- A. Each Board member, individually or collectively, will be writing something regularly; we will attempt to have each comrade working on some piece at alltimes.
- B. TRB will submit an article, several book reviews, etc. for each issue. Because of our lack of experience in this area, we cannot make any specific numerical commitment at this time although we will move toward this goal. We will strive to build as equal a relationship as is possible in terms of contributions to the TR.
- C. We also request specific suggestions for book reviews ie what types of books/articles, anticipated length of such reviews. Along the same line, do we want to review older books (eg Proletarian Order)?

## III Financial Relations

- A. We have 4 types of costs; here are apprixiamtions of each to date:
  - 1. PO Box: \$21/yr.
  - 2. mailing: \$5-7/mo.
  - 3. phone: \$7/mo.
  - 4. xeroxing: negligible for the TR to date
- B. We will pay \$12/mo. dues as a Board. Costs above that we feel should be treated as part of total TR costs and reimbursed at the same rate as other expenses are. Obviously, where costs simply cannot be covered, we're willing to contribute extra.
- C. One way of providing TRB funds is to let all proceeds from our individual TR sales (ie the 15 you send us now) stay in Boston without reimbursement to TRT. At the present rate, that would mean \$9/issue.

## IV. Distribution

- A. TRB will check Redbook and keep them supplied; should they order through Tucson still?
- B. TRB will try and open new outlets &/or get Carrier Pigeon to distribute for us
- C. Push subs with our contacts

## V. Outside contacts

- A. Promote contacts to write for the TR
- B. TR should publish notice of
  - 1. TRB existence
  - 2. that local articles should be sent to TRB; as well, criticisms and comments from local sources should be sent here
- C. TRB will represent itself in local contacts as the TRB, not TR

Please send comments on this draft as soon as possible.

Comradely,  
Ricky  
for the OC of a TRB

*each board pay for itself?*