

## CHANGES AND THE REGROUPMENT PROCESS

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A new sense of the possibilities of regroupment exists today. Partly it is the result of an anti-war movt. which is rapidly developing in size and in politics. Partly it comes from the crisis that is facing the labor movement. This new sense exists both within the IS, in other groups of similar politics and a large number of unaffiliated individuals.

While discussion about regroupment between groups is valuable, another important route is thru small steps which involve working together at different levels. Some of us had a discussion in NY along these lines and offer a proposal involving CHANGES.

We would propose to other groups as well as a number of individuals that a special issue (or issues) of Changes be put out on a specified topic. The editorial board for each issue would be an adhoc group consisting of all the tendencies involved. The issue itself would include a wide range of viewpoints and debate.

We would first approach tendencies which had publications of their own (eg Workers Power) and propose this be a joint publication. We could work out different arrangements to satisfy postal arrangements such as different covers or joint mastheads. There could be an offer of a pamphlet or some other deal for those who might subscribe to both.

We would propose that 3 topics for 3 separate issues be explored:

### 1) THE THIRD CAMP

Possibly this could center around the "manifesto" and discussion. We might try to get some major piece by Singer and others and build discussion around these.

### 2) SOCIALISTS IN INDUSTRY

The role of the unions in modern capitalism. The new technology and implications for the Marxist view of the working class. The experience of socialist industrialization.

### 3) THE NEW STUDENT MOVEMENT

Peter L suggested this as something that should be timed for the PSN conference in the fall. It could include historical material and/or international material.

The same groups and individuals might be included in all of them but some might participate only in some. For example

it would certainly be appropriate to approach the Headquarters people for participation on topics of industrial work or the student movement.

Our own view is that we should try and avoid these publications ~~being~~<sup>being</sup> simply a collection of different tendencies' convention documents. Instead we should aim for something of substantial value and impact. So for example the publication might center around one or two major articles and several discussion pieces.

But, it is important not to try to decide all of these things in advance. If it is to be a success it is because these joint editorial boards have worked these things out.

There are a number of benefits from this approach. First the actual publication could be dynamite -- better than any one of the groups could produce by itself. We could also probably get people to write for these issues who would be less inclined to write just for Changes, or Against the Current etc. Second, the activity would measurably move us along on the regroupment process. Third, it involves nonaffiliated individuals in regroupment activities. Fourth, it provides some organizational relief since each group will not be having to fully produce its own piece of literature.