

# REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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## I. General News.

There has apparently been a decline in the level of activity in the local groups. In some measure this is attributable to the annual summer slump - close of schools, vacations, etc. Beyond that is the overall slump in the class struggle, and social struggles, generally. This has effected the left milieu as a whole, which, in turn, limits our opportunities for propaganda work.

However, some opportunities do exist and should be systematically pursued.

Since we have not received much in the way of reports on conditions and trends in the various localities, the following observations and proposals will reflect discussions in the center based on national and internat'l. developments and the problems and possibilities as they exist in Los Angeles.

Our propaganda work is most successful when we are engaged in some coalition type action which provides an audience.

The Southern African revolution in general, and at present, the South African rebellion in particular, presents us both with an obligation and an opportunity.

These dramatic struggles are bound to arouse widespread sympathy among blacks, other minorities, students, young workers, and, of course, the entire radicalized layers. If this is so, then even a small group can initiate and participate in the central leadership of a significant coalition.

We intend to explore this possibility in L.A. immediately, and urge other locals to do likewise. We will begin by approaching those groups which are either friendly or neutral toward us with a proposal for the joint initiation by 3 or 4 groups (including RMOC) of a broad meeting to launch a coalition. Initial goals would be a demonstration at the South African consulate, and a public teach-in type forum. If coalitions on this issue already exist in some cities, our groups should join up and participate energetically.

One benefit of this kind of work is to draw sympathizers, former members, etc. into activity.

Simultaneously, we are planning to begin a study group on changes in the structure and mentality of the American working class and what this means for the future of the American class struggle. (Outlines and bibliography will be sent along when completed.)

Meanwhile, the sale of Inprecop at left gatherings and to individuals will continue to occupy a high priority.

We would like to get responses and reports from all groups.

## II. Monthly Review Ad.

As reported several months ago, the L.A. local has taken the initiative and the responsibility for placing a full-page ad in Monthly Review. The cost is \$250., and other locals were invited to contribute. So far, we have received \$25. from Houston and \$10. from Baltimore. Nevertheless, the ad and the money have been sent on. The ad will appear in the Sept. issue, since we thought the summer would be a poor time for it. L.A. would still welcome contributions.

\*\* ( This should be Internal, not Information )

### III. International Information Discussion Bulletins.

We have been advised that all former members of the SWP who were unjustly expelled (and we don't know of any who were justly expelled) are entitled to receive all issues of the IIDBs since their status as militants of the FI did not end with their expulsions. The SWP, as the publisher-distributor of these bulletins is, therefore, obligated to sell them to such comrades on request.

In Houston the SWP agreed to supply copies of one bulletin. We don't know whether the others were requested or whether the one has actually been supplied. In L. A. cde. Judi S. requested copies of all IIDB's published since the expulsion of the former IT comrades. After several unsuccessful attempts to receive these bulletins, she was finally informed, by the city organizer, that they were, in fact, not available to the 10 former ITers in the L. A. area. Instead, she was instructed to write the SWP National Office and signify, in the letter, exactly what documents we were requesting, what were our reasons for wanting them, what were the names of the 10 people, and what is their relationship to the RMOC. The following is the letter sent to the SWP Nat'l. Office, on June 14:

"Dear Comrades:

I am writing on behalf of ten comrades who were unjustly expelled from Los Angeles branches of the SWP in July of 1974, (names listed below), requesting that the party make available to us all copies of the International Internal Discussion Bulletins published since our expulsion. This request is fully consistent with our status as militants of the Fourth International, as established by the February, 1975 IEC, and reaffirmed by that body in Feb., 1976.

Since our relationship to the International was not altered by the expulsion, we therefore, have every right to these documents and, hereby, request that you supply us directly, or instruct the local organizers to give us ten copies each of the discussion bulletins.

We trust this request will be met promptly.

s/ Judi S. for the following comrades" (names listed in original)

(it was also indicated, at the bottom, that a copy was being sent to USec)

All comrades to whom this applies should follow through at once. Demand copies of all bulletins for all expelled comrades, and keep us informed of results.

### IV. Financial Report. (as of Jan. 31, 1975 to June 29, 1976)

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		Income: 2839.90
Subs	8.00	Dues	1215.00	Expenses: 2712.64
Postage	106.95	Inprecor	1021.90	127.27 - Cash in bank
Phone	34.88	Donation	5.00	as of 6/9/76
M. R. ad	250.00	M. R. ad	250.00	460.86 - Cash in bank
Inprecor	1182.00	Conv. ass't.	348.00	as of 1/31/75
Europe	459.00		<u>2839.90</u>	588.13 - Cash in bank
Convention	596.00			as of 6/29/76
Bank Chgs.	66.00			
Supplies	9.81			
	<u>2712.64</u>			