

INTRODUCTION TO THE PACKET FROM LOS ANGELES

We are a small group in Los Angeles, one side in a major two line struggle that split the LA Work Group last fall. We are looking forward to the conference and the opportunity to learn from many groups. Because we are small we could not send people to very many workshops to participate. So we decided to send materials from our experience, that are relevant to the workshop topics. In addition, we completed an Annotated Bibliography on Propaganda and Agitation for the conference. Instead of trying to distribute and share all of the documents separately, we decided to put them all together in one packet and give a copy of it to each organization. Since we are a very small group with real limited financial resources, we are asking organizations to donate \$2 for the packet, which is about half its cost.

We would be excited by any criticism, comments, or suggestions in response to these materials. We also are very anxious to get similar materials from other organizations. We always learn a great deal from examples and summaries of line in practice. Here's what's in the packet:

On Propaganda:

- 1) Report on the Use of Propaganda at the Workplace, 22 pgs. 1974. This was written by one cadre several years ago to help clarify and contribute to a two line struggle going on the organization. It's a pretty lively account of that cadre's principles and concrete use of propaganda at two workplaces. The introduction helps to update it.
- 2) Annotated Bibliography on Propaganda and Agitation, 28 pgs., June, 1977. We have found propaganda and agitation to be very important and difficult to master doing well. The readings in this bibliography have helped us begin to learn doing that. We hope that organizations will find it useful in deepening our practice in this area.

On Study Circles:

- 3) Updated Outline of Study in the Worker's Study Group, 6 pgs., 11/5/75. This is a list of materials used in a Workers Study Group during 1974. While there are clearly some materials in here that we would not use again, there are still many which are good for both study groups and individual propaganda.
- 4) Sum Up Study Outline - Worker's Study Group, 6 pgs., 5/31/76. This is a list of materials used during a long sum up of the study group, that it did as a whole.
- 5) The Worker's Study Group Outline of Study on the Woman Question, 7 pgs., 7/19/75. This is an annotated bibliography of materials prepared for the section on the woman's question. It was a very powerful area of study, lasting the longest, and as can be seen by comparing it with #3, there were many changes and additions by the end. Again, there are several articles here we still use in propaganda and agitation.
- 6) Get Acquainted Sessions, 6 pgs., 10/15/76. This is an introduction to and annotated bibliography of one of the best study sections of our second Worker's Study Group. We encourage others to use the concept in theirs.
- 7) Get Acquainted - WSG #2, 5 pgs. These are two examples of a Get Acquainted session, notes we transcribed off tapes of the sessions.
- 8) Study Guide for How to Learn Marxism-Leninism section of WSG, 5 pgs. 11/3/76. This is an annotated bibliography and questions for one of the beginning sessions of the second WSG. We offer it in reference to the developing

critique against dogmatism. We tried to bring out the differences between proletarian and bourgeois education early in the study group, after the Get Acquainted.

On organizational development:

- 9) Developing a Correct Attitude Toward Oneself, 4 pgs., 1/16/76. This is an introduction and annotated bibliography to a section of the WSG dealing with cadre development, ideological transformation and in particular, the battle against individualism.
- 10) Knowing One's People Well, 6 pgs. 1/28/76. This was again part of the WSG sum up, a cadre analysis of each of its members, that was reviewed, critiqued, and added to by them. We include it to underline that we all need to greatly improve our cadre analysis, both in our organizations and in our relationships with the masses.
- 11) Some Articles on Factory Nuclei, 1 pg., June, 1977. This is just a short list of references to factory nuclei we've come across. We would greatly appreciate any additions to this list that you could make. We include it to help us all think about the development of factory nuclei in relation to party building.

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