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what was Linda Anns' criticism of my leadership?

that "my theory" of uneven development and underdevelopment led to "consciousness raising programs" ....

1. is it "my theory"?

no, it is the theory of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ marxism-leninism.

There is uneven development between nations, classes, and within the working class itself.

Underdevelopment is a term I use myself. It is almost always in regard to one aspect of a person compared to another, or to indicate that a particular theory, idea or perspective is wrong because it is not sufficiently grounded in what I understand correct theory and practice to indicate. I do not believe that I am contemptuous of comrades or workers. I am contemptuous of the bourgeoisie and tend to get contemptuous of anyone who consistently uses bourgeoisie authority to build themselves up. I do believe that the bourgeoisie has systematically and consciously held back the development of the working class movement, and the political and ideological development of the working class. I do believe that the working class today is still underdeveloped in its political and revolutionary class consciousness - and that marxism-leninism is a theory which must be

learned, applied, and developed. Any science must be verified by objective and observable conditions. Because marxism-leninism is a human science, it must be verified in human society. But because it is a human science it applied and must be developed creatively by human beings.

I do believe in consciousness raising. political and social consciousness. class consciousness. ~~the~~ communist consciousness. I have been a strong advocate of workplace organizing ( that ~~the~~ term has become absurd in my mind... we used that term when we did not understand half what we do now...the relationship between study, reform work, and trade union work. I have been a strong advocate of consciousness raising programs at <sup>( study )</sup> work places and in mass forms. I am also a strong advocate of open forums such as CCC and Coffebreak. I continue to support Donna and others participation in 3/3. I continue to support special programs and activities , particularly education and ~~sp~~ support programs of communist led national liberation movements, and other socialist revolutions and states.

There are many criticisms to be made of my leadership and practice. I consistently over-extend myself, and create difficultie and frustration with late assignments. I tend to combine over-ambitiousness with under patience,

and my administration of committees is weak. In the last few months I have tended to isolate myself from everything but absolutely necessary meetings. Much of that has had to do with the physical and resulting psychological drain of my job, but some has been in a conscious attempt to integrate myself with my co-workers. I have also withdrawn to study and think- to put some space between myself and the organizational and personal struggles of the last year.~~XXXXXX~~

Comrades may have other criticisms. They may also have disagreements with my political perspective, particularly on strategic questions on the organization of a new party. I stand with the line put forth by MCLL at CCC: "Principled political struggle is exactly what we need in this period".

additions: the role of the communist party is to prepare and lead the proletariat to the dictatorship of the proletariat and the achievement of socialism. Any other view distorts the role and function of a vanguard party.

on questions raised at the convention

superstructure

" Remember that every practical step in the revolutionary movement will decidedly give the young recruits a lesson in Social-Democratic science; for this science is based on an objectively correct estimation of the forces and ~~the~~ tendencies of the various classes, while the revolution itself is nothing but the break-up of old superstructures and the independent action of the various classes, each striving to erect the new superstructure in its own way.

Lenin, New Tasks and New Forces 1905

An understand of the superstructure is absolutely necessary to revolution - it is not an attempt to minimize the importance of "place of work organizing" ~~for~~, trade union work, or the study of the science of marxism-leninism. IT IS THE SCIENCE OF MARXISM\*LENINISM. State and Revolution is one of the most important works of Lenin - defending marxism from revisionism. ~~It~~ It was always Lenins task to defend the independent action of the working class against the bourgouise state and its manifestations. He had to fight the economists who believe focusing the struggle against the autocracy was only for the petty-bourgouise- he had to fight the Kautskys and Bernsteins who believed in dependent action with the state ( the sneak theory of "socialist"revolution) .



The apparatus of bourgeois control over the working class is what is holding back socialism in the U.S.A.- the material basis in industrial production and the ~~organizational~~ material basis in medical and technical science, the physical plant for community facilities is more fully developed here than most other countries. Under the dictatorship for the proletariat, the Soviet form of organization, much ~~more~~ will need to be changed and redone. The vast majority of people in this country- 85-90% live by wage labor. ~~8~~ 40% of the people in this country are directly involved in industrial production distribution or communication.

What but the state, bourgeois ideology, and lack of self-organization holds us back?

Nothing.

Party?