

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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CLP CCC FRACTION REPORT

CCC Fraction report
from Mary H.

Over-all view: We are consolidating the expanded general staff; as it now stands, there are 14½ planning commit. people (one prt. time), nine of them pulled in through CCC participation, non-comrades. Quantity is not the priority, however, and we must pull in more people with more links to the class. As it stands now, most folks are middle-sectored, Anglo. Two of the new people are Negro-Natl' minority women (a teacher at OCC and a student at WSU). The pulling in of additional/and more leadership elements of various sections of the class will not be an instant process, and will most likely come about through popular front work that CCC is engaging in with various groups. (see section on groups CCC is linking to or possibly so). As the planning committee grows, it is likely that some in practice are not able to keep up with the work, and would eventually become part of a general staff, and PC people will be pulling in others for the development of a general staff, which should be on the road by Fall.

Financially, CCC is beginning to be able to pay all its bills, and without the help of individual donations.

As new PC begin to participate in decision making as to content of forums, and the technical aspects of putting forums together get consolidated through a organized division of labor, comrades will be able to spend more time on politically organizing in CCC, and less on technically putting forums together, and in general doing the work in bulk.

Review of the Angola forum: Fraction agrees that the speakers were good in political content, particularly Frank J. However, we also agree that the Anti-Imper.-Action-Com., as illus. by the number of people who came to the forum, has a small base in the class; wanted to do little of the work involved in getting the forum together, but wanted to take the "glory" for it. Strong tendencies of Male Supremcy was demonstrated by Arthur Boaman and Jeffrey J., as experienced by Peggy C. of the PC, who almost single-handedly put together the newsletter for AIAC, while the above two young men looked on doubtfully, not helping in childcare, and setting up meetings that came about 3 hours late, while Peggy waited too patiently with her baby. Fraction agrees that we should not spend an awful lot of energy and time in AIAC. Tiago Neto has split with Chris Alston, over Alston's opportunism, and does not think AIAC is a viable force, and has dishonest elements leading it, i.e., Chris and Co. However, he is (Neto) interested in linking up with other forces, such as CCC, and Reggie. Phyllis Jordon takes an independent view of AIAC. We should pull in honest elements from AIAC whenever possible, frac. agrees, for possible ERC work.

April forum: Demonstrates CCC's ability to bring people to the forums, multi-nat'l. and various sectors of the class, as well as unfortunately the trots. The dinner-social and forum demonstrated, with regard to the Sprkin and Geargakas, that the authors were fairly highly individualistic intellectuals who did however have some progressive tendencies, which would make it possible to include them in popular front work.

Fractions evaluation of some problems in the forum: (1) No one emphasized ERC; (2) Gen spoke too fast and softly, and many ~~na~~ said they could not hear what he was saying (grated) the mike=system was not working), which was unfortunate, since he made some very important points. (3) Jerome was to do an introduction pertaining to the social motion in the book ("Det. I Do Mind Dying") leading up to the formation of the CLP, as we discussed at the dinner-social the night before, and did not really address himself to that. (4) Ron was a dynamic speaker, in form and content. (5) Some folks attending said there was no debate, possibly the differences between the authors and the other speakers should have been drawn more sharply. At the same time, the authors seemed to have no willingness

(and the pol. differences did come out)
for heavy political struggle, partly because of their PB backgrounds, and partly because they seemed willing to unite when possible. Also, some of the antagonistic forces in the audience, such as SWP, CR, trots, lefties, wanted to see as "tues. night fight of the week" as spectators, and were dissatisfied, since they were not interested in airing their view honestly, and actually participating. (6) In the confusion of consolidating the PC organizationally, many important considerations were left up in the air: (a) no books from the book store, except the Det. book--rectify for next forum, with Patty K. as the bookstore rep on PC working with the PC members planning the next forum. (b) The PC democratically voted to leave table discussion up in the air, and I should have struggled harder for a more structured setting for discussion. Will bring up in next PC meeting thurs. People from my work place complained they knew no one there except for me, and every-one went to get coffee and chat with friends, leaving them at table with no-one to speak with during break. Fraction agrees that social ~~club~~ club atmosphere can turn people off who are not part of a "coffee clutch", and PC must take initiative in struc. table discussion, ^{and} requesting that old ~~CCCC~~ ~~xxx~~ people from the past initiate discussion by posing questions, etc., and our handing out evaluation forms to people during the sessions.

(7) Clean-up, and getting out was terrible, Dan Kirchbaum from Central called me and complained about the mess we left the place in. Promised never to do that again. (8) Registration was left up to assigned PC members, and was a mess, ^{must tighten up organizationally, and do some work.}

May session: In process of consolidation by Les, Mary W., Thea, and Jeff. Crickett to do an over-view including Det. Gen Hospital, Soc. Services, Rent-strike, and Factories. Other speakers are ~~xxx~~ being sought. Mary W. expressed the concern that not all speakers be from the CLP (over the phone). This speaks to the problem of PC folks not having enough links to vanguard elements not yet pulled in. Jeff has requested the Red Label Strugglers to sing.

June session: Comrades will politically mobilize the PC around Negro Nation Day forum, and strive for unity.

Suggestions for CCC from fraction: CCC camping trip to plan Fall brochure this summer. Other groups in other cities, link up to them, invite them to CCC, i.e., groups engaged in class struggle demands around pol. and econ. rights of workers. Getting speakers from outside Detroit for some forums starting next fall, who are relating to WC ~~xxx~~ struggles as they are going on, i.e., when mine disaster came, we could have gotten a miner to come in and speak on it.

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Had P.C. meeting last Thurs. May forum firmed up, most speakers obtained, including Theresa S. Will be selling NWQC for June forum on "Is there a Negro Nation?" at May forum, as well as related materials to May forum. PC critique of April forum - Quantity good, some qualitative problems: (1) no facilitation of table discussion, (2) should have been more of a debate, (3) The content of book should have been drawn on more, i.e., critique of where it failed, presented by use of dialectics, since book was a non-dialectical, mechanical description of events & people from a "liberal-lefty" position.

Comrade,
Mary