

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution  
FROM: Matty, Molly  
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SUBJECT: Upcoming discussion of SNCC / CO

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The discussion on SNCC / CO will occur on Saturday night, May 9, from 8:00 pm until approx. 11:00 pm. Because it is unlikely we will finish in one session, we will then meet again on Sunday, May 10, from noon until about 4:00pm. The attached map indicates the location.

People should study the 'Life Cycle of Sncc' and 'Problems and Solutions' handouts. As part of preparation, think about your own political experience in connection with the problems noted in the Problems and Solutions handout. Note: the list of problems is not rigid - it can be added to.

## SNCC & C.O.: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

### SNCC (600/800)

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>METHOD OF CORRECTION</u>
( P.B. elements idealistically misleading political strategy on the basis of moralistic purism (i.e., non-violence as an end in itself); theory divorced from practice.	Social practice in militant struggle exposed fallacy of moral purism and the ineffectiveness of non-violence as anything other than a conditional tactic.
2 Lack of administration	Establish and maintain administrative structure and fund-raising apparatus
3 P.B. domination of organization (elitism, resistance to organizational structure and leadership) working class forces' liberalism and failure to exert leadership	Organizational leadership summarizing and asserting itself to train, plan and give direction; in particular, providing direction to working class elements, enabling them to seize democracy.
4 P.B. romanticism, individualism and lack of discipline	Political education, exertion of proletarian leadership, and requiring adherence to organizational discipline; criticism/self-criticism and appropriate use of censure; where problem is not corrected, expulsion.
5 Reactionary nationalism	Political education: study of revolutionary theory, particularly the national question and class question
6 Laziness; rhetoric instead of development of programs	Assertion of working class leadership, and raising principled struggle to maintain organizational discipline.
7 Individualism and the cult of personality	Criticism/self-criticism; imposition of organizational sanctions and, ultimately, expulsion.
8 LOOSENESS UNDERMINING	Organize in such a manner that police

organizational security (principal)  
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 FBI repression and disruption (secondary)

infiltration is minimized and eliminated. Specifically, take a long-range view of history; test people in practical day-to-day work, checking their background, viewpoints, statements and actions; maintain secrecy in certain organizational matters; limit use of telephone.

9 Maintaining political fundraising sources  
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 maintaining political principles

Shift funding sources to economic programs (e.g., coops), political demands for reparations (Black Manifesto) and organizational dues.

C.O. (800/000)

PROBLEM

METHOD OF CORRECTION

1 In coop movement: P.B. moralism and utopianism

Two years of M-L study and summarizing experience, before formation of CO; social practice in the struggle to transform the ideological thrust of the coops.

2 Need for economic base to sustain the organization

Institutionalization of economic programs; political education, ideological struggle, and applying knowledge of the laws of economics and D.M. sustain these programs and maintain their working class character.

3 P.B. egotism and individualism leading to in-fighting, which inevitably would result in organizational disintegration

C.L. formulated and began implementation of the ideological assessment process (beginning development of the ITP); C.L. organized the 2-line struggle; results of the assessment process exposed P.B. elements in the organization; C.L. directed the culminating mass expulsion, which marked the victory of proletarian democracy in the organization.

4 Bourgeois ideology within the organization

ITP; criticism/self-criticism and summarization of practice, administratively structured in PDF forms; ideological struggle and political criticism resulting in concrete MOCs

duals.

5 Bourgeois feminism

Political education and practice in the process of political criticism and discussion in the local women's movement.

6 Organizational security

From the outset of the origin of the organization, leadership established disciplines security practices. New members were screened thoroughly and systematically. Also from the outset, open and closed FOO's as well as internal organizational security (based on the principle of need to know) were established. Political education regarding traits of agents and informers. ITP became a high level method of ensuring organizational insulation from police infiltration.

Additions to the 'Problems and 'Solutions' handout:  
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PROBLEMS	METHODS OF CORRECTION
7. Consensus decision making based on individualism	Development of an M-L-O.
Lack of knowing how to build an organization	Leadership providing methods with which to build an M-L-O: multi-level study groups based on people's understanding and commitment; systematic assessment of people; assignments as a means to both develop people and to test them in practise.
8. Lack of economic work/ practise	Concept of class struggle, which is grounded in economic work
9. Lack of programs rooted in mass forms of struggle	Development of concrete programs to maintain links with the masses.
10. Carelessness with assets; abusing assets	Controlling assets