

SNCC & C.O.: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

SNCC (600/800)

PROBLEM

METHOD OF CORRECTION

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| ① | 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. |

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.

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)

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In coop movement: P.B. moralism and utopianism

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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.

Need for economic base to sustain the organization

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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.

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

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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.

Bourgeois ideology within the organization

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

duals.

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Bourgeois feminism

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

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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.