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To Chicago area TR subscribers:

The Chicago Primacy of Theory Study Group has been in existence for almost a year, and we have now decided to work toward intervening in the party-building movement in an organized way. To this end, we shall over the next several months be carrying out initial study of the Stalinian deviation, which we consider to be the main ideological obstacle presently facing the U.S. communist movement. Our perspective on forming a "Chicago Leninist Collective" in the spring, after completing this study, is contained in the enclosed draft basis of unity.

We invite Chicago area TR subscribers to join us immediately in our study of the Stalinian deviation. Our source material will include:

- (1) Section 3 of Part 4 of Volume 2 of Charles Bettelheim's Class Struggles in the U.S.S.R., entitled "The Bolshevik ideological formation and its transformations" (pp. 500-587),
- (2) Louis Althusser's "Note on 'The Critique of the Personality Cult'", in Essays in Self-Criticism (pp. 78-93), and
- (3) Paul Costello's "Stalin and Historical Reality", in Theoretical Review #8 (pp. 12-22).

If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact us at the above address.

Comradely,

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