

Resolution on OCIC Centers

OCIC Centers are local and regional arms of the national organizing effort to build a process conducive to the emergence of an ideological center for the anti-left opportunist, anti-revisionist tendency.

The national center is the leading body of the OCIC and, therefore, leads and sets the agenda of regional and local centers through its national conferences. The national center mandates its National Steering Committee to carry out the majority decisions reached at national conferences.

A strategic task of OCIC Centers is to act as a key arena for taking up the theoretical struggle of the movement and as such will be important forms for the emergence of the movement's ideological leadership.

The 18 Principles of Unity and the necessity for a single center for the movement represents the correct basis upon which to unite the tendency's forces, the bulk of which remain outside of the OCIC. OCIC Centers will be instrumental in uniting the tendency's forces.

OCIC Centers provide a non-sectarian form for movement-wide ideological struggle to elaborate a program, strategy, and tactics for the US revolution.

OCIC Centers provide a key arena in the movement for the struggle against the circle spirit, breaking down organizational barriers in the ideological struggle, and in the struggle for the party spirit.

OCIC Centers represent in practice a concrete break with the ultra-left approach to political line development - where organizational, circle interests are hegemonic over the interests of the tendency as a whole.

OCIC Centers, in order to provide a non-sectarian form for the unification of the tendency, must be kept separate and distinct from the practical centers of the movement. The OCIC Centers themselves cannot direct practice without compromising its principled basis of unity.

In our movement racism prevents the participation of most national minority Marxist-Leninists from the existing organized circles. The struggle against the circle spirit is concretely a struggle against racism and a struggle for the intervention of national minority Marxist-Leninists in the centralized process of building an ideological center.

OCIC Centers provide a form for the participation of all Marxist Leninists of the movement, as individuals, in the process of elaborating the theoretical tasks before the tendency, and provides a broad context for the emergence and development of leadership from the rank and file of the movement.

BE IT RESOLVED: That OCIC Members carry out the responsibility of insuring the development of local and regional OCIC Centers in each specific locale and region, and that specific plans be drawn for building local centers in each area of the country where there are OCIC members, and that the National Steering Committee through its Task Force on OCIC Centers continue to give necessary guidance and assistance.

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Secondary Resolution for the Main Agenda Item:
OCIC MEMBERSHIP RULE CONCERNING LOCAL CENTER PARTICIPATION

Be it resolved that:

1. The National Steering Committee (NSC) of the OCIC has the right and responsibility to promulgate the organizational rules necessary to implement the OC program and plan as developed by the National OCIC Conference.

2. The NSC was correct, and was following the mandate of the Second OCIC National Conference (particularly of the "OC's First Year" resolution), in promulgating the organizational rule that all OC members must be participants in a local center if one exists in their locale.

3. The NSC was correct in deciding that the individuals grouped in the current Socialist Organizing Committee (SOC) excluded themselves from OCIC membership by firmly refusing to participate in the Southern California Local Center.

4. The NSC made several errors in its handling of the SOC comrades since last November including:

- a. failing to follow up fully on the struggle with these comrades as promised when the NSC delegation visited Southern California in early November, 1979;
- b. failing to inform the SOC comrades of the membership rule in a timely manner after this rule was consolidated at the December 1979 NSC meeting;
- c. initially inviting delegates from SOC to attend the Western Regional Meeting in March 1979, despite the fact that this invitation was in contradiction to the membership rule.

The NSC has made at least verbal self-criticisms for all of these errors, and should formalize these self-criticisms in writing. However, these errors are strongly secondary to the NSC's overall correct approach of struggling with the SOC comrades to fulfill their minority responsibility of continuing to participate in SCALC (as exemplified in the "NSC Report on SCALC"). And the NSC's errors, although they produced negative effects, in no way mitigate the SOC comrades refusal to take up the minimal obligations of OCIC membership.

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