

Amendment to Resolution B-5: On Women

In Point 2, add at end of 4th sentence: "and its connection to our current rank and file strategy."

MOTIVATION: It is insufficient to talk about women's liberation in the abstract or to mention how good it will be under socialism when there is equal work, equal pay, childcare, etc., which has often been done at IS women's conferences and women's caucus meetings. If we really believe in revolutionary feminism, i.e., that women must liberate themselves as part of the collective revolutionary process, we must discuss specifically how the process of liberating women is connected to our current rank and file strategy. That is to say, what are the issues that really give women strength and help ~~us~~ to build the working women's movement. Only in this way can we hope to develop a women's program in the IS that will help to recruit women in significant numbers.

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Amendment to Resolution A-4: the Fights to Come

ADD to point 8, after 10th sentence: "Fraction leadership should also regularly consult with the women's commission and the black commission to ensure better coverage of the strategic connection between our politics on black liberation and women's liberation and our rank and file work."

MOTIVATION: In the important areas of fraction education and training, and production of literature, it is essential that we strive to consistently show the connection between our rank and file strategy and the politics of black and women's liberation. In the past this has not always been done consistently. For example, in ~~the~~ a previous edition of Class Struggle Unionism, there were no pictures of women at all. One might conclude that class struggle was limited to men! Or very general statements are made about the need to fight racial or sexual discrimination on the job without going into specifics about how such discrimination works, what can be done about it, or why it is of strategic importance to developing class unity and strength.

The task of integrating our industrial politics and our politics of black and women's liberation should not rest solely on the advocates of these specially oppressed groups (the black and women's commissions). Rather, everyone in the organization should strive to become well versed on these issues. Therefore, we feel it is important that the industrial fraction leaderships make it a practice of regularly consulting with the black and women's commissions for their input, as well as the national education department.

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