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To: A selected number of developing cadres

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A REPORT ON THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE O  
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POLITICAL

In recent weeks it has been learned that one O member hasn't read On Contradiction since becoming part of the O which includes a period of over five years. There are more cases of individuals who haven't engaged in individualized study over the past three years. As a result of their absence of political study, their understanding of the political class nature of the O has deteriorated. There are other examples of individuals operating in disrespect of the O's class interest besides not engaging in political study. The key feature of this disrespect is not taking a class stand by not representing neither political clarity nor political strength. For instance, in many HH's, in a few programs, in some PR's, and in private conversations there are very few criticism if any at all that are brought to individuals incorrect practice as a function of organization, of maintaining the political strength of the O. In the absence of political criticism, commodity exchange rises to predominance and capitalist ideology of opportunism becomes the dominant mode of practice. Capitalist ideology of commodity exchange is a function of personal achievement, which is in basic opposition to the political aims of an MO in general and in particular to the O. This means that the political contradiction is an antagonistic contradiction. In this light Mao gives us a conceptual guide as to the place of the antagonism of contradiction:

"...antagonism is one form, but not the only form, of the struggle of opposites; the formula of antagonism cannot be arbitrarily applied everywhere."

At this stage of the development of the O, it is the political process, 600, that is the essence, the fundamental contradiction. We have already entered this process and changes are presently taking place to assure the possibility of it turning into its opposite. The political contradiction is the only antagonistic form of contradiction internal to the O. Expulsion is the usual method of resolution of this contradiction especially when the political process is the fundamental contradiction at a stage of development. At other times, when members persist in making mistakes after having been given ample time to correct them, expulsion is the only form of struggle left. An examination of the O's history will show that this is the prevailing circumstance under which members are expelled. The elimination of the old takes place at the point when the new has convincingly overcome the old and thus elimination takes place--an act of self-repulsion. In contrast, when developing cadres follow the cycle of knowledge, they know the aspects of the contradiction that must be negated in their social practice; based on this recognition they set correct conditions in which the possibility of negation is assured. This is one application of the theoretical and practicality of the DMM.

The criticism form is the tool by which to make criticism a function of organization, not a function of personal attacks and emotional reaction. There is now emerging a new quality of criticism with the use of the criticism form.

FINANCIAL CASH FLOW

All cadres must make a financial budget for a three months time period. Every three months a financial budget must be submitted to P.O.O. In 1983 a budget will be required every six months. In 1984 a one year financial budget will be required. The first budget is due within 10 days.

Throughout the years of the O's existence developing cadres have made many financial mistakes with major political consequences. The effect being to retard the

O's political growth and holding back class struggle. Some of the problems have been resolved but others problems still remain to be closed out. Prolonging the closing of the problems have been ongoing mistakes and non criticisms.

Many financial mistakes made in the past were made as part of the process of materialistic empiricism. Thus they were necessary in the unity and struggle of opposites for the development of an MLO in actual practice. So the correct conceptualization of these mistakes is that they were developmental mistakes occurring under controlled conditions. With the accumulation of financial knowledge, summation of practice, knowing the correct methods of dealing with the commodity nature of practice, there is no need to justify recurrence of financial mistakes. In the months to come some cadres will receive statements on the total cost of their mistakes that aren't being considered to be developmental ones because they are recurring. Of course, the pattern of mistakes can't persist for too long because there is an objective limit of the effects of quantitative mistakes. There are cases that serve as good examples of not having taken decisive steps to prevent great losses as brought about by recurrence of identical financial mistakes.

## IDEOLOGICAL

The understanding of the associative property of relations has brought forth a new dimension in the knowledge of human relations and human interactions. The perceptual stage of knowledge of this theoretical understanding was the study of properties of value for years ago and continued to develop to the stage of knowledge of knowing cognitive properties of modes of thought. For example, there is usually less of a problem of understanding what a person is teaching, discussing, and talking about, or merely relating to each other when the two have the same DI, the same cognitive property of mode of thought. Whatever property a thing contains it can only be manifested in a relation. Moreover, the most intense form of antagonism is expressed toward those who have the same or similar property. With this materialistic dialectical understanding of the identity content of modes of thought, ideological struggle and confrontation can be 100% effective. The utility of this theoretical understanding enable us to use the correct method in solving cognitive problems as well as when and how to prevent them, as in the context of political struggle when it becomes necessary to achieve a political victory over the adversary. Structure tools will be forthcoming on the correct handling of cognitive problem.

The proposition of theory not being ideology is still being maintained. In this connection, if the O would have sat around and talk theory of revolutionary politics and drink coffee and coke, it never would have developed to the stage of where it is to day. 65% of developing cadres sought employment in the social division of labor in order to lay the foundation for their P. FOM and in turn they enriched the proletarian content of the O. This was a milestone in the ideological development of the O. In fact this was the strategic condition that assured the possibility of the ongoing organizational development. Had those who learned a proletarian skill stayed in production two years longer, it would have added to the rapid decomposition of their IF. Nevertheless, a feature of P. FOM is having developed a marketable skill accompanied with the purchase of tools, equipment, etc.. There are some developing cadres who didn't work in the social division of labor to develop their P.FOM a few years ago; they might get a chance sometimes in the future. There are reasons why some developing cadres didn't get the chance to lay the foundation for their P.FOM.. There is no basis to think that those who didn't resist or refused to do those who did so aren't any longer in the O.. As an explanation, particular periods at any given time determine organizational priorities.

It can't be overstated the ideological significance of the milestone of cadre learning proletarian skills. There have been many economic blessings derived from the productivity of cadre's P.FOM. Mao's teaching has once again been verified thru practice: "...a political party must depend on the correctness of its own political line and the solidity of its own organization."

ECONOMIC

The O is now entering a transitional period in its development, it is moving from the formation of an ILO to becoming a primary C. Party. The key question is can the O make it in the transitional period? The formula for success is: 1) computerized all accounting functions throughout the O; all major purchases must be approved as well as personal budgets for each quarter. 2) bring about the rapid consolidation of computerized sills with the purchase of two computers with telecommunication capacity. 3) politically consolidate and recruit workers in the essential programs while at the same time replacing all cadres who have demonstrated time and again weakness of their administrative skills. The least developed worker anywhere in the US have basic contempt for management that doesn't know how to manage, always making mistakes--affecting the production process in one way or another, and running a very disorganized operation.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Since the very first day of the inception of the O, its members have been presented with structured programs and conditions in which to learn skills; skills that will enlarge the O's base of capital while at the same time developing cadre ideologically. In the past three years the O's capital base has continue to move on the downward slop as seen on a graph. Putting it concretely, the large sums of money the O has invested in laying the foundation for a self-developing socialist system for addressing the needs of cadre has come back at a diminishing return. This is a very very serious state of affairs. What this means is that the law of commodity production of exchange values is operational and could become DA. At this time there is no threat of restoration of capitalist relations of production and uncontrolled exchange value in spite of a detectable rise each year. Speaking frankly, the PC in this case is the absence of an accounting system to convert actual cost of ideological and political development into dollars and cents and give a % in dollars on the investment return on one's productive effort in organizational growth and development. This is a task of high priority within the next five months. To prevent an incorrect understanding, P.O.O. has a rational estimate of the cost of political, organizational, and ideological development of each cadre. What is being said is the need for a developed accounting system that will issue periodic statements and reports showing the total cost to date and the return or no return on organizational investment. Starting immediately there will be a cost projection for each member to further develop, upgrad, and learn new skills. If the cost can't be met ideologically, politically, organizationally, or financially, the person will be advised either of his/her liability to the O, or be told that this will be an expense that he/she can't write off to any other account. What is being said her is that the O isn't giving out anymore advance skills as freely as it once did, to do so will be an ongoing condition of disrespect for the O. People usually appreciate the things that they have to work hard for.

Interrelated to gaining total control of the O's resources, it is imperative to preserve and protect the O's capital, because during long transitional periods in which the new must strengthen its position large amounts of capital is needed. Presently, the O is in a very desparate financial situation. When the O recovers from the present finanical crises, it would have learned a very valuable lesson: make sure a sufficient amount of capital is on hand in order to consolidate the position of the new.