

FOR CLOSE CIRCULATION

An Important Notice to All Members from the Steering Committee 12/10

Since last nov. tension has been developing in the group. No real attempt has yet been made to resolve it. Everyone breathes the atmosphere of uneasiness and feels that he cannot do something without creating friction among others. At times it looks as if it is falling apart and everyone becomes nostalgic.

Source of tension

First it came out mainly from the difference in point of view. But members will recall that difference in opinion always exists, long before the recent development. The change lies in that people used to confide that under all these differences there is a common course which everyone had held on to; and that these differences were in no way hampering how each member saw himself could fit into the organization. The difference in opinion upon which tension developed lately then, is actually infested by undesirable, suicidal mishandling when problems were brought out. To name a few, they are caused by personal animosity, indifference in attitude when something causes no personal interest is brought out, remarks that are uncalled for, oversage of political rhetorics. In short, substituting personal interest for group interest (check Combat Liberalism). As a result, people are turned off-- either by shutting up rather than placing himself into the entanglement, or forming negative opinions deep within himself and letting ~~it~~ them grow from there. It must be mentioned that none of these frictions were resulted from the basic aims and actions of the organization, and therefore should not be viewed as real antagonistic contradictions that are unsalvageable.

Steps taken

On the other hand, it has been neglect on the part of the steering committee to let events develop to the present state. For a vital part of the what the committee is meant for is to point out to members the state of affair of the organization. So far the committee has not developed that kind of experience that will keep group cohesion. The committee therefore decided to take up a much more responsible role in the future. Positive steps at present are:

- 1) Issue directives from which members will find ways to fit into striving for these goals. (As of date, see directives issued from last steering committee meeting).
- 2) Keep reminding members the general direction the organization is trying to carry through. Right now the organization feels that rather than professing ourselves as the vanguard, our first priority should be to arouse AA group awareness, without which no broad AA movement which will effect fundamental, revolutionary, social change tailored to our needs can be created.
- 3) Prevent unnecessary flare-ups during meetings in the future. Meeting chairman is empowered to take appropriate steps to keep it in line.

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As for members, they are urged to take part in as many types of action as available and freely relate himself and make suggestions to other members or group of members under an open, frank atmosphere. A major task the organization will face in the near future will be how to cope with the stepping up pace of expansion. Ideas from members will be essential.

We are from all corners of the country, coming together striving for the same goal.
THE QUOTATIONS