

The Bakery,
120 Greville St
Prahran
6 Jan 70

Dear Comrade,

Between January 1 and 4 a conference of revolutionary socialists was held at Camp Eureka. Among the subjects discussed were the political line taken by the Revolutionary Socialists during 1969 and the organizations practical work.

One conclusion to ~~xxx~~ emerge from the discussion was that during last year the Revolutionary Socialists suffered from a confusion as to what exactly the organization was trying to do. A point-raised at the conference was that there had been a tendency for the Rev. Socs. to take part in any activity that presented itself, simply for the sake of activity. Some people had seen the Rev. Socs. as the Melbourne branch of a national Revolutionary Socialist Alliance, complete with the various factions and tendencies connoted by the word "Alliance". To ~~ix~~ others the Rev. Socs. was the beginning of a disciplined Marxist party, and to others it was no more than a post graduate adjunct to the Monash Labor Club. Another view was that in practice the Rev. Socs. had become a home for armchair marxists and worn out student activists attempting to take student politics into the outside world.

It was felt that this confusion was reflected in the work of the organization and was partly responsible for the organization being so inward looking. While recognizing that some of the work done by the Rev. Socs. had been valuable the Camp Eureka conference made a number of proposals concerning the Rev. Socs. These are outlined below, and a ~~xxxxxx~~ meeting of the Rev. Socs. , and all organizations associated with it (including Socialist Teachers Association, Monash Labor Club, Students in Dissent, Prahran Peoples Movement) is called for 2.00 p.m. next Sunday 11th January at the Bakery

P R O P O S A L S

1. That the Revolutionary Socialists disband itself.
2. That a new organization, tentatively called "Worker Student Action Movement", be created.
3. That the functions of WSAM include:
 - (i) Participation in working class struggles.
 - (ii) Political agitation among the working class, both through the official trade union movement and independently of the unions. Further to this aim that an organization of revolutionary workers be created to work in factories and on job sites on a cell basis and that students and others be encouraged to work among the industrial working class as well as in the professional and sub-professional jobs (e.g. teachers, journalists) that many members of WSAM find themselves at present.
 - (iii) Physical running of the Bakery as a political headquarters.
 - (iv) Acting as a point of contact for , and in appropriate cases coordinating the activities of, autonomous groups such as:- Students in Dissent - Socialist Teachers Association - Peoples Theatre Group - Vietnam Coordinating Committee - Prahran Peoples Movement - University Labor Clubs etc.
 - (v) Taking part in and organizing demonstrations with a view to expressing a socialist position.
 - (vi) Political education (through small discussion groups, talks, organized reading) of WSAM members and others.
4. That the industrial working class is seen as a necessary element in the making of a socialist revolution.

5. That at this stage we consider an open ~~xxx~~ political headquarters with a fevolutionary orientation to be necessary and that the Bakery should be retained as this centre. However we reject the view that the real political work is to be done within the walls of the Bakery, that we should aim at socialism in one street. The bulk of the political work must be done among the people where they are found and not in an artificial creatinn like the Bakery, or Resistance or CDA. The Bakery should simply be seen as a base from which political work is done, as a tool and not as an end in itself.

6. That some members of WSAM should work in the established anti-war movement, particularly in the VCC at present.

7. That the WSAM maintian contacts with other young socialist groups with a working class orientation, particularly those working in Technical colleges and high schools, ~~thaxx~~ through which a large percentage of the young working class pass.

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