

Suggested Agenda for Baltimore - Phila. Meeting

Building a political basis of unity for the work of the Coalition seems to be the best way to begin this discussion. In light of that we can discuss program and the Atlanta conference. We would urge strongly that all positions and tendencies be clearly stated and explained, and also that all discussion be directed toward the concrete task of building the coalition in light of the experience of the two cities.

The following questions seem to us to be the ones about which there have been the most important disagreements and contradictions.

- 1) The strategy for a united front around this issue
- 2) The need for a concerted educational program on the waterfront as against reliance on spontaneous action
- 3) The correct strategy in regard to the trade union bureaucracy
- 4) An understanding of the leading role of the working class in the ~~SSSSS~~ Coalition and the implications of that.

Our statement of unity presents our position on these questions although we are prepared to explain them in more detail. The position paper is not quite accurate in that it should be reworked to reflect the fact that our aims have been broadened explicitly to include South Africa. The last three sections of it correctly reflect our emphasis on RSA.

Current Philadelphia program

1. Development of the coalition on the waterfront.
We have a great deal to learn yet about waterfront conditions, and we see the following as major tasks in the next period:
 - a. Development of education campaign to more closely link the boycott campaign with local and national problems.
 - b. Draw longshoremen into the activity of the coalition on a higher level. (In an r & f caucus develops on the waterfront in the next year we expect that it will support the coalition)
 - c. Further consolidate our phone tree for demonstrations and our method of identifying ships and cargoes.
2. Organization of the Black community in support of CSRSAL.
Although ALSC in Phila. has taken on the coalition as a central focus, we are still weak and have not developed a program to generate mass support; one weakness is the lack of tie-in to local problems.
3. The working class at it's workplace.
The Coalition is developing an educational pamphlet and program to take to other sectors of the Philadelphia working class through caucuses and progressive unions where they exist and where coalition members work, and by shop gate leafletting at other plants.
4. Mass education
This is based around a campaign, most likely anticorporate, which can draw together working people, liberals, intellectuals, students and others. It will have a program more attuned to the needs of the U.S. working class than previous anti-corporate campaigns which have originated in the National Council of Churches and the anti-war movement, whose experience we can draw on.

The Atlanta Conference

If we can achieve sufficient unity we should discuss presenting a common position at Atlanta, and perhaps talk about ways of forming a national organization or coordinating committee, and a strategy for organizing the unorganized ports.