

Conclusion

What does this mean for us, an organization of serious revolutionaries? The revolutionary process is getting underway. We must rapidly move from the unavoidable sectarian position we occupy in order to carry out our historical task.

We, the comrades of the Communist Labor Party, have the responsibility of introducing the catalyst into the social struggle. That catalyst is class consciousness. It is the element that will replace the contradiction between classes with antagonism. This is an historically inevitable stage of development. Our task will not be easy.

Class consciousness stands on unity of the class — at minimum unity of action. Unity depends upon the equality of the workers. That equality cannot be obtained by simply waiting until everyone is homeless. There has to be a conscious fight for the equality of the black worker. The fight has to be carried on by the white majority of the working class. It cannot be won by a few dedicated ideologues. The class has to be won over to this fight.

The Civil War could not be won until the North, and a good section of the South, clearly understood that slavery — not simply the slave power, but slavery — was the enemy.

They had to be taught. Once they understood the nature of the war, their action conformed to the realities and the war was won.

It will not be an easy task to convince the white workers that white supremacy is their enemy when for 200 years it has been the guarantee of their privileges. On a higher level, this is the task history thrust upon the Abolitionists. We must master their methodology and emulate their courage and dedication.

What form of organization do we need? How do we hook into the revolutionary process?

This draft is intended to raise questions and open doors. We face a real task in the real world. We are going to need the thinking and experience of each comrade. Let us hear from you.

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