

posed to be the standard operating procedure for the Party. We've agreed upon it and written about it for years. There is not one in ten districts that is treating the electoral campaign as such. Ask a comrade and the probable answer will be, "Oh, I didn't think of that!" We absolutely must put an end to the situation where comrades drift and blunder until they discover that the Party is correct by rediscovering policy.

Liberalism

The Party has held itself together against all odds for some 14 years. It would be tragic if this moment of change begins our collapse instead of victory. This is what is going to happen if our rotten liberalism is allowed to continue.

Again, let us define what we are talking about. Liberalism is open-mindedness. It upholds the rights of the dissenting opinion. It defends the right of dissent. Now this sounds mighty fine as an abstraction. But it is not so fine when the right to dissent and the rights of the other opinion end up splitting the Party, forming factions, and disorienting the comrades. Comrades, in their liberalism might say, "but that doesn't happen in our Party." It happens every day. Every time a leader of the Party puts forth a line or policy contrary to what we have agreed upon, it becomes the basis of factions, it disorients comrades and ends up splitting. Why do we tolerate it? "Give him a chance." "He doesn't understand." "We must hold another school on the matter." There must be no liberalism in the Party. If leading comrades do not understand what we are all about then they must be removed — even if there are no replacements. Our line, our policy allows the creative energy of the comrades to be unleashed, because it keeps us on track.

Liberalism wasn't deadly under the conditions of passivity of the working class. It is deadly today. If comrades intend to master the line and policy, they have to study it. We have to put an end to spontaneity and to individualism. If we have to mechanically insist that every meeting begin with a report on the Party's position on the question under discussion then we should do that. At all costs we must put an end to the ability of especially leading comrades taking positions contrary and hostile to the Party and getting away with it.

This is of principled importance because discipline is going to determine whether or not we are able to play our role during the crucial period. It would be a liberal disregard of history and common sense if we were to disregard the role of the political police. If you were in charge of state security would you disregard the CLP? Or would you infiltrate them, unite with the most backward sector, and manipulate them in such a manner as to halt any potential becoming reality. The "red squads" of the various major cities have had some thirty years of the most sophisticated training under the FBI. The formation of new revolutionary organizations gave them an open door to get in on the ground floor and stay there.

There is only one way to stop them. That is the strict adherence to democratic centralism. We don't want a witch hunt. The FBI agents generally head those. Rather, we must demand that each and every comrade be held responsible for correctly carrying out an individual responsibility for the collective decision. There can be no exceptions.

Sublation

The Party is undergoing a final phase of sublation. The Party has been striving to change and making changes over a long period. The current change in the environment has triggered this real change that is going on. We are losing the last of the people who were ideologically from the nationalist movements, the SDSers, and the do-gooders. We are recruiting excellent, mature, experienced new members. We have to safeguard them and guarantee that the backward section of the Party does not ruin them or drive them out. Again, this can only be accomplished by iron discipline.

The real and dangerous truth is that the sectarianism of some comrades will not allow them to think past the position of certain individual leaders in the districts or the national office. We must look upon such positions as nothing less than clever ways to hold back the development of the Party. The lingering vestiges of the guru, or the helmsman, or the comandante must be ruthlessly crushed — including those who practice it and those who support it.

Finally, it is very important that we understand these concepts. They must be discussed and struggled with until they are