

## On BWC strategy in this area

Comrades, during the past few weeks there has been some confusion around the question of the BWC's strategy for work in the class. In a number of discussions with various comrades the Dist. Exec. put forward the line that comrades throughout the district should concentrate on penetrating the following industries: steel, auto, oil, post office, Telephone, etc.. The explanation for this policy was that;

- 1) these industries are strategically located in the economic system,
- 2) the process of production is highly socialized in these industries
- 3) the amount of surplus value created in these industries is greater than other large sectors of the economy and
- 4) the organization as a whole is developing a plan for work in these industries.

The reality of the situation comrades, is that our organization as a whole is very small and its experience in the class is relatively limited. While we certainly see the necessity of developing a strategy for work in the basic industries listed above, we do not now possess the forces or the experience necessary for unfolding such a strategy today. OUR task in this period, obviously, is to muster and organize the necessary forces and to gain sufficient experience in the class ~~to~~ to effectively develop and carry out the kind of national strategy that some of us have incorrectly assumed exists already.

The key thing at this point is not the strategic importance of a particular industry where a comrade might find work. Instead, the primary question is where can we do some good communist work, i.e. where we can unite with, train, and recruit advanced workers.

Before we can take strategic advantage of the objective relationship of various industries in the economic system, we must have the necessary subjective forces at our disposal. Stalin points out: strategy is the organization of the main forces of the revolution and their reserves and...the determination of the main blow of the proletariat at a given stage of the revolution. "Without sufficient forces there can be no strategic plan" Stalin also points out that in carrying out a strategic plan we must be able to "locate at any given moment that particular link in the chain of processes which, if grasped, will enable us to hold the chain and to prepare the conditions for achieving strategic success."

For us, the key link in the chain of proletarian revolution is party building. It is only through the mobilization and organization of the vanguard of the proletariat that we lay the basis for developing a definite national strategy for work in the class.