

BULLETIN FROM ABDOUL ON THE STATUS OF PC AS OF SEPT 1

GENERAL: We are still under attack. This is hard to grasp and implement in our lives and precisely for this reason we are likely to be lax rather than vigilant. This is actually the main question for revolutionary forces at this time, how to maintain a revolutionary posture when there is a hostile context among the workers, students, the middle classes, etc. We are marked outlaws and the right wing knows who we are and are coming after us. We don't have an army now but we will have one, the issue is can we avoid being wiped now while we build up ideological resources and a few saturated cadre to administer the revolt, or the infrastructure of the revolutionary front when it develops. We did not rise to the occasion on the Jesse motion, we had it in terms of line, but we failed to have the organizational capability to deliver and lead the masses against Regan. We have to be ready in the next four years.

There are several aspects to our work at this time and it seems to me that everyone needs to get a firm grasp of this basic outline so that each individual can think of the WHOLE when doing one's own work. Everyone should seize the opportunity to help each other. For example, Mississippi should be sending things to the St Lawrence collective regarding rat control, and going the other way should be things on Mississippi (e.g. newspaper clips). The fact that we don't really know what each other is doing is also a key problem that must be overcome. There is another sense in what I'm getting at that really means we need some victories. Actually I think that we are the verge of some real pace setting state of the art type leaps. We're about to cap the Black Studies enterprise. Good to because as you can guess I'm ready to get the hell out of that swamp and get to the people. So, let's review our current action:

A. BLACK STUDIES: Key slogan: In Black Studies Everything through the CRN, Using Ole Miss as our mainstream source for legitimation. The main innovation this year will be the FIPSE material led by Intro. Miss. unit had main responsibility of face to face distribution at all(?) conferences this spring. Remember the first 1000 order for the fall of 85 will be FREE! We are having an NEH conference on Method in Nov. small invitees only about 40 in all. CRN is broken down into work groups the main organizational goal is to get three of these started. Of course the main magnet is the Afro-scholar. Data collections will be taken over by Miss. by the 3rd issue or whenever it is ready while the production will remain in Urbana. Also, Miss will concentrate its 84-85 distribution plans on the Southern region to make inroads into the places not yet covered by ACRS, etc., into those places with Blacks in graduate school, into the hands of young progressive clergy etc. CRN will be carrying our complete list of Black Studies related publications and we want every library in the south to order this material. We have

developed a virtual road map for a Black Studies movement, we need of course to write this up in one book, but facornow we have a set of materials that we need to drop as manyplaces as we can so that whoever begins to look for a map can pick up our trail fairly easily. THE KEY TO THIS AREA OF WORK IS IN THE HANDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI UNIT. THE MATERIAL IS ON PAPER AND PUBLISHED. NOW WE NEED TO DELIVER IT TO THE MASSES, WHILE IN THE MEANTIME WE DEVELOP THE CRN SO THAT FOR AN ENCORE WE BLAST WQITH THE CENSUS OF THE NOVEL PROJECT, WITH THE AORTA (AT LEAST THE MISSISSIPPI CHICAGO LINK UP IN SOME WAY). The iskra is the Afro-Scholar, so that by the second issue there ought to be a regional mimeograph calandar of the events our close contactvs in th south are carrying on, even a movie or a speaker on their campus. Lets band wagon this thing and give everybody a play and draw them closer to us. By the 1988 election we might well have more of a spontaneous situation on our hands so that fighting to retain and most gain leadership is critical now so that we can be in an advantageous position to struggle in the next few yerars. OPutreach is necessary because we have few forces with us. We need more Warren Swincels, Herman Georges, and Dave Johnsons.

B. BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENT: We have three publication projects in this area:

1. The how harold won book. draft due December 1st. the key staff is AA and DG, and DG is staff and has to find the time, and on this the nbook is the priority and secondly the dissertation. DECEMBER

2. the Black Wards book, this is the organizers handbook that follows the Harold book. each of the 10 major issues covered in the harold book and well as all relevant staistics will be fully covered ward by ward so that the book guides people to their own situation. its liyke when we put the ques at the end of intro blue, now go on and deal with it in your community on the real side. MAY

3. the how jesse ran book, sort of like the washington documentary volumes but with an essay leacing into it. AA will get the Syria trip documentation from Tom Porter, RBH shoudl get to Ron Walters and Margaret Walker for doicuments, and Doug shoudl work on the CVchicago delegates for into. FEBRUARY

The main aspect of this work is that we have seen these two major uprisings of institutionalized struuggie. Further we expect there will be a roll and we have to lay in the cut byuildsing line and winning people over through discussions or persuasion for 1988. Also, think of how many ppeople actually had some koind of experience that needs to be explained to thme so they can begin to get lessons that will impoact their political outlook on a more long range basis. At all times we have to be ready to put together a newspaper documentation poroject. we dont have a newspaper but we can use the mainstream media to get a real fix on every instance of struggle. Yes, this means that saomething might come up that will cause us to change

our schedule so that everyone has to be alert and in the game so that when a change is about to happen everyone will sort of know. If somebody drifts and doesn't stay alert then they should expect to get left behind, but under no circumstances will the slowest lead.

C. RED FLAG WORK: This is centered on the Search for Vanguard covering about 1967 to 1977. The first objective is to organize all of our holdings on the New Communist Movement which we will then micro film (after some attempts to fill on missing material) Everyone should continue to filter material out of personal collections. The first target is the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, but this will also cover some of the impact of the league after its demise. Again this is a roadmap. We know that everyone who comes after us will have to come through us because they cannot ignore our experience. But if we don't put it together then it will be distorted by some people who were quite distant from the action. This is the main work of AA from this point forward.

D. ST LAWRENCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: This work has forged a collective trying to take charge of a situation and take the burden off the shoulder of Peoples College. Leases will signed Sept 1st. physical rehab work and rat control campaign are the two main objectives. There is a division of labor (km fiscal, dm security and grounds, dg neighborhood outreach officer, jw research and legal). main problems now are roof, furnance, and rats.

E. LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE: The comrade is going above and beyond the call of duty type action, saving our ass with the feds and hill taylor, setting up a structure for our books from this point on, and handling all of the production side of our publication effort. We have to raise the issue of titning again, because this is the main way that pc can get some funds. I think that everyone should titne at least \$10.00 every month. This is in addition to everything else.

So everyone should have these five areas of work clearly in mind. Also expect the work to progress, ask about it, and keep a calendar in mind. Look for INTRO the last part of SEPT. and the Afro-Scholar early in OCT.

UNITY: Peoples College is facing itself and there are a great number of problems, and anyone who doesn't think so either isn't facing reality or their eyes are not guided by the lens of M-L. Again, I think what we need are victory's, even small ones. Everyone can bring up a propolem, and if and when they exist then it is appropriate to do so, but we also need everyone to start

trying to win and spread the good news to the rest of us. The country is very dark and we've got some light if we will let it shine. We walked away from the program with dignity without letting ourselves be dragged into the dirt by those sick ass holes. the same with NCBS. We'll settle up on paper, but for now our consistency and productivity will speak for itself for everyone worthy of our time.

Everyone should tighten up. If you want to be in the Revolution then you're in the right place. This is part of it.