To the representatives of the Communist League in the Bay Area:

Member groups of the Third World communities who are presently engaged in developing an anti-war movement during the summer of 1972 have met and discussed the participation of the Communist League in that joint action. It was a matter of common agreement among the endorsers of this position that the participation of the Communist League in organizing the Vietnam Summer Offensive was undesirable if not self-sabotaging.

Member groups have each had in the past extremely negative encounters with the Bay Area Communist League forces. The negativity arises from a clash with "CL's" petty-bourgeois "revolutionist" outlook and its contemptuous style of interaction-thoroughly consistent with the self-cultivating line. It is no accident that "CL has achieved an unprecedented degree of distrust and disaffection from virtually all of the progressive "left" forces in the Asian, Black, Brown, and white communities, and has consistently isolated itself from the mass movement of workers generally and of Third World workers particularly.

"CL" is now being served notice that its history of self-cultivation, wreckage, and vulgar perversion of Marxism-Leninism, and Mao Tse Tung Thought-the science and art of making a proletarian revolution—is now catching up with it, and that its isolation will be regarded as a matter of formal policy among endorsing organizations.

We are not interested in physically abusing comrades (especially women) and sexually exploiting them under the banner of Marxism-Leninism.

We are not interested in descending on progressive working class caucuses, splitting them up, and snatching away a few of its more active members only to ruin them and dissolve them by taking them out of the struggle to form some mythical communist party headed by CL.

We are not interested in self cultivation by way of rote memorization of M-L passages, yet being unable to apply the theory in rooting out the important opportunism rising in practice, and finding guidance toward further participation in, and building up, a mass workers' movement with Third World leadership.

We are not interested in sympathetic action with a group that finds leadership in emotion, wrecking, and pathological "pig" provocation of the kind like "Robert" Williams—a nationally renowned jack-ass whose politics can only find support in the equally degenerate and archaic line of self-cultivation, elitism, isolation, and infantile "storybook" revolutionism.

As a result, the "New Left" members of the movement have found in the Communist League the most effective opponents for our struggle. This is because the "New Left" participants have been able to look at the movement with a critical eye and maintain the integrity of our calculations and actions.

Over the past several years it has become increasingly clear that the Communist League could not continue the ideological, theoretical and practical fight against the revisionist CPUSA (Communist Party of the USA) without using its guns on the consolidation and preservation of revisionism.

These conciliators long ago placed themselves as buffers between us and the revisionist conciliators of revisionism. It has become impossible for us to struggle with the central tendency of the Communist League in organizing the Vietnam Summer Offensive.

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And given that "CL" in the Bay has earned itself the condemnations listed above, and more, we regard interaction with it as foolish and dangerous. The whole of the working class movement is, once again, alerted to the so-called "Communist" League.

We are, therefore, interested in building a Third World led anti-war, anti-imperialist, and pro-socialist movement with the United States.

"CL," by its ideological line and the history of its style of work has proven itself unwilling, and incapable of participating in such a progressive movement. Its outright contempt for rank-and-file workers, communist organizers, and the masses of Black, Brown, and Asian people has earned it its due reputation.

You are hereby informed that your participation in the Vietnam Summer Offensive is unwanted and will not be tolerated.

sincerely,

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C.L. Response To Conciliators

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From the standpoint of dialectical materialism, can there be a third force in any entity? Marxism denies this possibility. In the process of motion each stage is marked by the simultaneous emergence of position and opposition or of thesis and antithesis. Mao Tse Tung's On Contradiction is a simply written, deep analysis of this process. We are not interested in yes or no answers to questions of tactics and strategy; we want to present our case to the vanguard of the proletariat—the most advanced and revolutionary workers, and possible to the above mentioned groups who have signed the attack.

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