

Class struggle "Perspective"

Introduction:

This document was sent for the first time to the SC through Mike Krebs around May this year when the SC started discussion different strategies. The second time this document was sent to Anton days before our general meeting where the main issue was strategy. I did not receive any comment or suggestion. Now I present these lines with some degree of changes but overall it contains the same basic elements of where I believe we have to build one strategy.

This document have the purpose to give some general ideas in order to build a necessary plan to face the actual BC government. If we start talking to defeat the Liberal government, we must start talking now over a basic form of strategy in how to reach that point.

In order to do that we should consider every time all factors that form our own reality. That means we should study our society in general and BC in particular, not only its political stage but economical, social, etc. In a few words: we have to know the general social composition of this society. Also in the same line, we should know what we want as social activists, and APC as tool for change.

This study will result in a better understanding and comprehension of who we are and where we going to. One point I know is very clear to me its that we do not have this so far in a strategy meeting, lack of **strategy directional**.

After read different proposal I believe we still missing a fundamental factor relate to strategy and that is the **fight for the power**. Having say that I present this lines as part of that necessary process of political discussion that should ended up with the creation of one strategy, one struggle.

General ideas

The role of each revolutionary organization is to create the ideal conditions for change, regarding the correlation of forces. In order to do that, we must organize the right action in each and every political moment during class struggle.

Each political period has its particular characteristics. Our job as activists is to analyze periodically every stage of class struggle in order to arrive at new conclusion and new proposal of change of our reality.

Our main task is to create one strategy to the present period, which not only questions and fights the reactionary forces, but also constructs a **proposal that can be an alternative to the political dominant system.**

In my view there are four components on which we must base our strategy for the present period which we refer to as "neo-liberal offensive allied to transnational corporations".

These four components are:

1) **Mass mobilization**

We have to realize that without a mass movement and without a massive mobilization in **each and every front** of struggle we will not defeat the Campbell government. That means, we have to work and focus in different dynamic of class struggle. The fight against poverty has many faces, especially in this moment when this Liberal government have been cutting most of social program.

A strategy based only in one issue or issues that do not attract the attention or represent the aspirations of the majority of people of BC is condemned to fail.

As organization that try to represent the poor people of BC, which by the way the majority in this province, we should create a strategy that assumed most of problems that are due to the class struggle.

For example we should start organizing unemployed people and workers who are in the minimum scale who and not involved in any union organization rather than focus in campaign for \$6 which suck but we already spend a lot resources and hours with little result.

2) **Unity**

We have to understand that without unity we won't achieve anything. Our main concern at the present time is to create these condition of unity. First in our own organization, territories, (East side, Lower Mainland, and provincial) , and then to create the political conditions of unity with our allies.

In this process we must to focus in developing an **independent and democratic mass movement.**

We can not defeat this government alone, we need de participation and action from every corner of BC. The purpose of create unity with the rest of people is to put our demands in the top of any agenda that replace this government.

3) Type of struggle

The system uses many resources against the poor and working class: media, laws, police, etc. The system's domination is global for that reason every step or action count even the small ones.

So for the poor, marginalized by the system, make sense to use every means in the path to our victory.

All forms of struggle should be morally acceptable to the poor and its vanguard organization.

4) Political power

The final goal of this strategy is of course, is to get the political power.

So this strategy has to have a political program that includes the most important demands of the people.

And have in mind that the only way to achieve something in this struggle is to fight for the power.

Based in this four components, how we can define our strategy?

Our strategy is the **popular war** against the Campbell government as central focus of our strategy. The **popular war** against the system is gain enough **independent and democratic** forces through of all forms struggles to defeat the Campbell government in the first place and connected this struggle with the defeat the actual dominant system.

We must create a radical changes in our society in order to build for the majority of people, the bases of a new and better society.

How we can use of tactic moment?

Once we defined our base the **unity, strategy and political program**, we will be in a better position as a movement to analyze every aspect of our struggle with more details and precision.

That is the moment to put in a concrete way our strategy which we named as our **tactical action** through a series of objectives that we have to reach.

In order words we must to create a calendar of actions where we have all the factors in our side, included the surprise factor.

To do this we must to know the Liberal's party general strategy and then their tactical steps. that means we must to know before hand every aspect of the government policies.

We are close to an emergency situation, the poor people will find more and more difficult to survive. Our role as social activists and revolutionaries is not only to respond to this situation but also point out the way to the victory.

In the practice we are talking about to have a real agenda to put in concrete way.

For example whether we like or not , the next provincial election Its going to be in 2005. We know this date, also we know that April and May 2004 start a series of re-negotiations of union contracts. And also next year its going to affect those changes to the welfare system.

And more cuts to the social programs.

Also we know that the economy is not in good shape but the bc government has to balance the book by law by 2004.

With this information we can elaborate our strategy. We know exactly what is going to happen.

If we really want to growing up, we should create a calendar of activities around this issues.

That means we have to have strategy directional in our action. We should know where we are going to go be next year.

In others words, we can say that we should prepare a mass movilization action in order to create good conditions for the general strike NOW, economy and massive boycott, block and paralyze for hours, day, or area and territories.

This is very important because if we are capable to have a large mass movement in action. We are going to be in better shape to seat in any table with everyone and express our demands.

And the same time we should start talking about how in the next government our demands are expressed. This means we have to start work now in a large coalition with the goal to replace the bc Liberals.

A Working Plan, a few suggestions.

A working plan has to express in general terms our strategy as organization of poor people.

As we know, we can distinguish three momentous periods of development of any strategy.

We can point out in this plan the strategy goals and the same time show the basics goal of each period. In order to do that, we should:

- a) Define our global strategy and the particular period, in term of our strategy we can say that is our demands are for social changes as central focus. And today the main contradiction is people - bc liberal . We can express this through defending our rights and fight for democratizes this society
- b) In term of the period which we are living as organization, we define as the formation process that means the main internal tasks have to express this reality. For example Education, develop and expand our structure, reach other communities etc
- c) The main point of development as organization is defined according to the main contradiction of this period which we can point out as people - bc liberal. That means the unity have to reach large segment of our society as tactic- strategy direction. This is very important because that will determined our outreach and structure as anti poverty movement.

To create a strategy, it's a long process of testing and re-testing ideas. The practice of our actions will define our final strategy. The main element that will never have to forget is that we are here to fight for the power to the people.

The Struggle Continue !!

With unity, mass mobilization and direct action

We Will Win.

Waldo .

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