

WHAT GIVES AT OPEU? A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MIKE:

The unfortunate truth is that OPEU appears to be peppered with people whose first loyalty is to an outside organization, not us. We are being influenced by a group called Re-evaluation Counseling, or "RC" as it is called. You need to know about it because RC is a significant presence in unions and progressive groups nationally.

I was pleased when--finally--a public announcement was made about Re-evaluation Counseling by Lois Yoshishige during OPEU's 2000 General Council meeting in Corvallis. I would urge all members who have questions to look up the facts about this group and its theories. Check it out and make up your own mind. But for now at least we have open acknowledgment of RC's presence among us.

It wouldn't have been an issue except that RC has a hard political edge. RCers have been accused of hijacking organizational agendas. Whether you think RC is good or bad matters less than the simple right to know.

Check these web sites for more information on RC:

<http://sites.netscape.net/mavomike/rcexposed>

<http://www.cocowebs.com/liberaterc>

CAPE MEMBER ALERT!

Right now, Oregon RCers are engaged in a statewide campaign to make one of their own, Multnomah County Chair Beverly Stein, our next Governor. Since at least 1988, RC friends and family have been advancing Stein's career.

But politicians like Stein will sell us out when it suits them. For example, to widen her political network, Stein conducts county commissioner exchanges with other officials around Oregon. Even though Jefferson County is on OPEU's DO NOT PATRONIZE list for vicious anti-union practices, Stein is conducting an official exchange with Jefferson County Commissioner Janet Brown. If this is what the Stein campaign delivers now, just imagine how we'll fare when Stein is Governor?