

CIRCULAR OF THE CCP CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING  
THE QUESTION OF  
"CATCHING RENEGADES"

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Since the development of the great proletarian cultural revolution movement, Red Guard young generals and revolutionary masses have carried on a great deal of investigative work, exposed the groups of renegades who have long been protected by the small handful of greatest persons in authority in the Party taking the capitalist road, and uprooted a batch of renegades and special agents who have worked their way into the Party, thus making a very important contribution for the purification of the Party organization and for the thorough repudiation of the small handful of greatest persons in authority in the Party taking the capitalist road. For the sake of carrying on this work even better, the central authorities hereby lay down the following regulations:

1. To draw the conclusion whether a person is a "renegade" is a serious political question, which concerns his political life; it must be made only after thorough investigation and with a careful attitude. It would not do to declare that a person is a renegade on the basis of insufficient and unverified materials. Materials must not be publicized rashly.

2. The emphasis must be laid on the search and investigation of renegades belonging to the small handful of persons in authority in the Party taking the capitalist road. Those who have had renegade conduct historically are also to be investigated; but they should be treated differentially on the basis of the seriousness of their offences, whether they have made a clean breast of everything to the Party, whether they have done bad things together with the persons in authority in the Party taking the capitalist

road, and their performance in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

3. Cadres with general historical questions must be differentiated strictly from renegades and special agents.

4. Mass organizations must not use the pretext of "catching renegades" to carry on factional struggle, to attack each other, and thus to shift the general direction of the struggle.

5. Individual renegades and special agents have worked their way into some mass organizations, and should be investigated and searched out; but other mass organizations must not use this as a reason to attack these mass organizations.

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