## NEW COMRADELY RELATIONS BETWEEN CADRES AND MASSES Peking, NCNA, 15 December 1967

A wholly new type of relationship is growing up between the cadres and the masses in China based on Chairman Mao's teaching. The new relations reflect the development in depth of the great proletarian cultural revolution and are an important factor in the excellent situation prevailing throughout the country.

In the fight against the handful of capitalist-roaders in the Party during the past year and more, the proletarian revolutionary forces have everywhere won decisive victory. At the same time they have gained new ground in the struggle to eliminate 'old ideas and practices, old customs and habits left over by the exploiting classes.

All this has helped to create the climate for a new kind of relationship between the cadres and the masses.

Now cadres and masses are helping one another politically and ideologically, learning from one another in their work, and showing concern for each other's well-being. In turn, this is pushing the cultural revolution forward and stimulating production.

This cadres-masses relationship is marked by the following characteristics:

1. The new unity between cadres and masses is under the banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, which is taking command everywhere and on every front...

2. The cadres are giving priority to the establishment in their own minds of the concept of serving the people wholeheartedly, and to the practical application of this principle. This is recognized as fundamental in the establishment of the proletarian world outlook, and as an issue affecting their philosophy of life, the purpose of their lives... 3. The cadres regularly take part in collective, physical labor, either as full-time or part-time workers. This is regarded as an important measure which insures that the leadership does not become divorced from the masses and that the leading cadres will not degenerate into bureaucrats...

4. The cadres are making a great effort to apply the mass line ...

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5. The stress is on collective leadership and on constantly strengthening the unity of the leading core...

6. The cadres and masses are working closely together for the transformation of any section of the superstructure unsuitable to the new socialist economic basis...

7. The cadres and the masses are together in the campaign to "fight self, repudiate revisionism."...

Of all the characteristics of the present excellent situation in China, the most outstanding and fundamental one is the fearlessness of the people, the communist spirit generated by selflessness. The masses fear nothing. They are fully confident that armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, they can overcome any obstacle or difficulty on their way ahead. With the growing comradeliness in the revolutionary relationship between the cadres and the masses, the several hundred million people of China are becoming united as one man in the single purpose of destroying what is bourgeois and fostering what is proletarian. As the Shanghai workers say: "Let the class enemy tremble and wail in despair, we'll make the leap, as Chairman Mao has said, from the kingdom of necessity to the kingdom of freedom, and, under the brilliant guidance of Mao Tse-tung's thought, go forward from victory to victory."