

STRUGGLE JUST BEFORE DEATH

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The fire of war is spreading. Gunsmoke is everywhere. The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, with all its storms and thunder, is rolling forward with overwhelming force toward victory, crushing every obstacle on its way.

But, "Imperialists and domestic reactionaries will never accept defeat with grace and willingness. They will stage a last struggle just before their demise." The small handful of power holders in the party who follow a capitalist line are just like a drowning dog in a big ocean struggling to reach anything even if it fully knows that death is imminent. Even if there is only a short straw. The desperate will exhaust themselves trying to reach it. At the present, this small handful of powerholders who follow a capitalist line are precisely trying their utmost in every way to gain back what they have lost. They attack the proletarian revolutionaries with redoubled frenzy, hatred, trickery, and desperation. We must not be lulled into insensitivity when the situation is in our favor. Instead, we must clear our eyes and deal the class enemies a head-on rebuff in their attempt at a comeback.

In the counter-current of capitalist comeback that is widespread throughout the country, a small handful of powerholders within the party who follow a capitalist line, often try to deceive, hoodwink, spread rumors, through their stooges. They try to lead the young revolutionaries astray. To the moribund conservative organizations, they spare no effort to give support and encouragement so that assault on the revolution may be reinvigorated.

The power-holders inside the party who follow a capitalist line also can employ the revolutionary slogan of "combination of three". Wherever the proletarian revolutionaries have not gained the upperhand, they colluded with conservative organizations to form the "Holy alliance of three" to usurp leadership and to suppress the revolution. Where the revolutionaries have gained control, they try their utmost to worm

their way to the top leadership of the "combination of three" to corrupt it. Failing this, they will try to confuse the right and the wrong, and the black and the white. They do their best to prevent revolutionary cadres from making their "appearances" before the masses, and to sabotage the formation of the leadership nucleus of the "combination of three". Where the revolutionary committee has already been set up, they manipulate conservative forces in an attack against the new red power in order to re-take their position and stage a counter-revolutionary comeback.

The power-holders within the party who follow a capitalist line also may appear under the guise of extremist leftists to capitalize on the anarchism thought inside the party. They would spread rumors and drive wedges between different factions and groups in an attempt to split the revolutionary ranks open so that they may reap the fruits of a capitalist comeback.

When all this series of schemes and intrigues fail and the power-holders inside the party who follow a capitalist line reach their end of the rope. They would take a lesson from the gambler who has lost almost everything. They would bet all they have in a last big mad desperate gamble. They would manipulate counter-revolutionary masses to launch large violent riots to seek class revenge. They would also order counter-revolutionaries to sabotage and destroy the nerve centers of revolution -- the revolutionary committee -- to prevent its normal operation and therefore, to cripple its leadership. Even more atrociously, they would turn their swords and guns on the revolutionaries in a made blood-bath.

This is a frenzied counter-attack staged by the bourgeoisie against the proletariat. It is a bloody class struggle. This is a life-or-death struggle that will determine which of two roads China or even the whole world will choose in the future. We must not take it lightly.

"The basic question of a revolution is the question of political power." The focus of the current struggle is "power". The death-bed struggle of the counter-revolutionaries is for the purpose of maintaining their political power. Should Liu Shao-chi and Teng Hsiao-ping again gain the upperhand, should the power-holders inside the party who follow a capitalist line again gain control, should the landlords, the rich peasants, the reactionaries and the bad elements prevail, countless

revolutionaries will be branded "counter-revolutionaries" and "rightists"; countless comrades will be sent to prison; thousands upon thousands of heads will roll; China will change her color; a wholesale capitalist comeback will be in full swing; and world revolution will be set back dozens or even hundreds of years.

Can we allow their schemes to succeed? No, a thousand times no! When our class enemies open their blood-stained mouths to engulf us, there is not an iota of ground for compromise. No meetings half way! No half-way readjustments! No soft-heartedness! Any kindness shown to the enemy is an encouragement to him and an act of cruelty toward the people, as well as a serious crime against the revolution! We have no choice but to charge onward, demanding blood in return for blood. The enemy must be routed and destroyed.

When the dark night is approaching the dawn, the winds redouble their vigor. When the winter is ending, the snow is especially cold. The made counter-attack of the enemy is like the long and desperate howling of the sick pig on the butcher's bench. Its last hour is here.

History marches forward. Fighters are gaining strength. Any clown who vainly wish to prevent the wheel of history from going forward will be crushed under the very wheel of history.

Take a long view into the future. March forward with resoluteness. Proletarian revolutionary fellow fighters, let our spirit and vigor dissipate the fog and clouds that darken the new dawn. Let us welcome the victorious break of the day!

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