

# Public Notice Concerning Workers' Organizations

## CCP Center and State Council

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1. The joint notice issued by the National General Rebel Corps of Red Laborers, Ministry of Labor, and All-China Federation of Trade Unions on 2 January 1967 is illegal and should be canceled.<sup>1</sup> All documents passed by provincial and municipal Labor Bureaus on the basis of the joint notice issued by the three organizations are null and void.

2. The systems governing the employment of temporary workers, contract workers, rotation workers, and outside contract laborers are rational in some cases and quite irrational and erroneous in other cases. The Center is presently studying ways of reforming these systems depending on actual conditions. Before the Center makes a new decision, the established methods are to be followed as usual.

3. Temporary workers, contract workers, rotation workers, and outside contract laborers employed by various enterprises and units are to enjoy political rights equal to those enjoyed by permanent workers, staff members, and other functionaries, and have the right to participate in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

4. Those temporary workers, contract workers, rotation workers, and outside contract laborers who were branded “counter-revolutionary” for criticizing the leadership during the initial period of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution should be acquitted of their charges, and those who were dismissed for the same reason should be allowed to

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<sup>1</sup>For a discussion of the joint notice and the radical changes to China's labor system proposed by the National General Rebel Corps of Red Laborers, see Xiaoxia Gong, “Repressive Movements and the Politics of Victimization: Patronage and Persecution during the Cultural Revolution” (Ph.D. diss., Harvard University, Dept. of Sociology, 1995), pp. 257–65.

return to their former jobs and work according to their former contracts. They should be paid the wages owed to them.

5. The ranks of temporary workers, contract workers, rotation workers, and outside contract laborers must be purged of landlord, rich-peasant, counter-revolutionary, hooligan, and Rightist elements (not referring to family background) clinging to a reactionary stand. Persons who assume the name of a revolutionary organization to swindle and bluff others must be exposed resolutely.

6. Temporary workers, contract workers, rotation workers, and outside contract laborers need not form independent organizations. The National General Rebel Corps of Red Laborers and its branches all over the country are to disband. Members of the revolutionary masses who had joined this organization may join the revolutionary mass organizations in their own enterprises, units, or localities.

This notice is to be displayed in public throughout the country.

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