Proletarian Revolutionaries Criticize the Revisionist Line on Party Building

Be Vanguard Fighters in the Class Struggle!

The proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses are everywhere vigorously implementing Chairman Mao's latest instructions on the rectification of Party organizations. There is an upsurge in the mass study, propagation and implementation of Chairman Mao's line on Party building and this is accompanied by a wave of criticism and denunciation of the revisionist line on Party building advocated by China's Khrushchov.

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The Communist Party Is One for Waging Class Struggle

by Liang Pien-liang, deputy secretary of the Tachai Brigade's Party branch

The great leader Chairman Mao teaches us: "The Party organization should be composed of the advanced elements of the proletariat; it should be a vigorous vanguard organization capable of leading the proletariat and the revolutionary masses in the fight against the class enemy." That is to say, our Communist Party is one for waging the class struggle. We waged it in the previous period of democratic revolution and we are doing so now in the present period of socialist revolution and socialist construction. Not only must we wage the class struggle; we must also regard this as a matter of first importance.

However, that scoundrel, China's Khrushchov, is against our Party waging the class struggle. He grew more arrogant in his opposition particularly after socialist transformation was in the main completed with respect to the ownership of the means of production. He talked such nonsense as that "in our country the question of which will win out, socialism or capitalism, has now been settled." The tasks he set for the Party were to "develop the productive forces" and "organize social life."

This was just camouflage for the landlords and rich peasants, a smoke-screen to conceal his own ambition to usurp the leadership of the Party and the state. Although the rule of the landlords and rich peasants was overthrown long ago in our countryside, the exploiting classes are not prepared to take their defeat lying down and still dream of a come-back. If we do not engage in the class struggle, the class enemy will return to exercise a dictatorship over us.

Our Tachai's total grain output has risen year after year, from 40 or 45 tons in pre-liberation days to 320 tons. Our life is much better than ever before. When asked how production has been increased so quickly, our answer is: "Primarily because we have creatively studied and applied Chairman Mao's works and, in accordance with his teachings, have paid great attention to the struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, and between the socialist and capitalist roads." We have grasped the revolution and promoted production, instead of applying ourselves only to the "development of the productive forces" and the "organization of social life."

In 1963, Tachai was hit by a great flood, loess cavedwellings collapsed, houses were swept away and the terraced fields destroyed. Tachai's Party members and peor and lower-middle peasants, however, did not give in to these difficulties. Guided by the brilliant thought of Mao Tse-tung, the masses led by the Party branch acted in the spirit of self-reliance and hard struggle to rebuild our farms and home. In less than a year, all damage to the land was made good and in three to four years all the houses and cave-dwellings were rebuilt. The houses are now tile-roofed and the cave-dwellings are lined with stone. How was it possible for us to win such a great victory? The fundamental reason is that we rely on Mao Tse-tung's thought, and first of all our vigorous grasp of the class struggle. During the great proletarian cultural revolution, a handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road have been exposed, revisionism has been criticized and repudiated, and at the same time the revolutionary masses have received a good education. This has promoted the revolutionization of people's thinking. As a result, our brigade gathered in a bumper harvest last year, a harvest greater than in any previous year.

All the class enemies who want to make trouble and sabotage wish that we would sleep on, our arms laid down. China's Khrushchov advocated the theory of the "dying out of class struggle," saying that the chief task for the Party in the future was to "develop the productive forces." His purpose was to throw us off-guard and lure us into devoting ourselves only to production and neglecting the class struggle, so that he could freely pursue his vicious revisionist line. If we could be badly fooled, capitalism would be restored and the dictatorship of the proletariat would become the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "We should support whatever the enemy opposes." China's Khrushchov opposes the Communist Party waging the class struggle. This shows that our Party is right and has achieved a great victory in grasping the class struggle. So long as classes and class struggle exist, there must be a militant Communist Party and it must grasp class struggle with great determination.

The Interests of the Revolution Are the Very Life Of a Communist

by Chia Chin-tsai, head of Tachai Brigade's poor and lower-middle peasants' association

Chairman Mao teaches us: "We Communists seek not official posts, but revolution. Every one of us must be a thoroughgoing revolutionary in spirit." The Communist Party is the vanguard of the proletariat. A Communist should, from the first day of his admission to the Party, make up his mind to devote his whole life to revolution in order to end all systems of exploitation and realize socialism and communism.

China's Khrushchov, however, talked such nonsense as: "One can be an official when he is admitted to the Communist Party, Party members are reserves for cadres." This is a vicious slander against our Party members. I joined the Party in 1947 for the purpose of overthrowing the three big enemies — imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat-capitalism, liberating the whole of China, and building socialism and communism. In joining the Party, I did not give a moment's thought to getting an official post, as China's Khrushchov said. During the 20 years since my admission to the Party, I have worked persistently at the grass-roots level, and at no time have I divorced myself from productive labour. We genuine Communists are definitely not aiming to get official posts, but working to build a happy communist society and to be, in the truest sense, servants of the people. Countless revolutionary martyrs laid down their lives for the revolution. Did they do this because they wanted to be officials? Certainly not! The interests of the proletarian revolution are the very life of us Communists. In the interests of the revolution, Party members are prepared to sacrifice their all, including their lives.

What they join the Party for — to get official posts and become lords over the people or to serve the people in the interests of the revolution — this is the line dividing genuine Communists from sham ones.

We are Communists nurtured and trained in Mao Tse-tung's thought. We joined the Party in order to serve the people "wholly" and "entirely." As to joining the Party "to become officials" and other such reactionary nonsense coming from China's Khrushchov, we are determined to repudiate and utterly discredit it and never allow it to poison the souls of the Party members.

Chairman Mao's Works Are the Best Textbooks For Party Members

by Kuo Feng-lien, member of Tachai Brigade's Party branch committee and people's militia instructor

Vice-Chairman Lin Piao calls on us to "study Chairman Mao's writings, follow his teachings, act according to his instructions and be his good fighters." With boundless loyalty to and boundless love for Chairman Mao, we Party members and poor and lower-middle peasants of Tachai Brigade love best to study Chairman

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Mao's writings and closely follow his teachings. For, us Communists the best textbooks are Chairman Mao's works.

China's Khrushchov raved that "textbooks for Party members should be written in a rather popular way. Don't quote Chairman Mao's words, just incorporate them in the text in your own words." China's Khrushchov opposed textbooks quoting Chairman Mao's words for the "reason" that they are "not popular." This is an obvious lie. Chairman Mao's works are written for the proletariat and they tell the revolutionary truth. Taking the proletarian stand and reading them with deep class feeling, you find Chairman Mao's works are written in the most popular way. They express the words in our hearts and you understand them easily. Our Tachai Brigade lies in formerly poor mountain valleys and those of its Party members and poor and lower-middle peasants who are over 30 years old had relatively little schooling. But they know what is exploitation and revolution and after they have read or heard many of the fundamental concepts in Chairman Mao's writings, they feel these are very near to their hearts. They think these ideas are very easily understood and written in a very popular way. They praise them unanimously, saying: "Chairman Mao's

works are the best of all treasures, for generations hence we will not be able to do without them. With such a treasure, the proletarian dictatorship will become most solid; with such a treasure, we will be able to move the earth and shake the mountains; with such a treasure, we will always stand together with the Party." For scoundrels like China's Khrushchov, Chairman Mao's works are certainly not "popular." How can counterrevolutionaries study revolutionary books! In fact, it is not a question of popularity at all. Most of all they fear and hate Chairman Mao's works.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "Those experienced in work must take up the study of theory and must read seriously; only then will they be able to systematize and synthesize their experience and raise it to the level of theory, only then will they not mistake their partial experience for universal truth and not commit empiricist errors." The highest theory is contained in Chairman Mao's works and they are always the best textbooks for Party members and the revolutionary people. We Communists must devote our whole lives to studying Chairman Mao's works and making revolution. Whoever opposes this will surely become something filthy and contemptible, like dog's dung.

Communists Are Conscious Revolutionary Fighters

by Chia Cheng-jang, member of Tachai Brigade's Party branch committee and the brigade's leader

China's Khrushchov said that Party members and leading cadres should "take part in some productive labour. The purpose is not to create a certain amount of value, but to change the masses' impression of them." This was simply throwing filth at us Communists and spreading poison in an attempt to disintegrate our Party ranks.

We Party members of Tachai have always taken the lead in collective productive labour. We have done it in order to maintain for ever the fine qualities of the working people and to produce as much grain as possible in support of our national construction and of the emancipation of all the oppressed peoples of the world. I am fully convinced that only by taking an active part in collective productive labour can a cadre who is also a Party member lead production well, and get fruitful results both in ideological work and in production. Only by so doing can he strengthen his ties with the masses, listen to the criticisms and opinions of the masses at any time and wherever he may be, and carry on ideological work according to the living ideas of the commune members. Party members taking an active part in labour help increase social wealth. What is more important, this helps the Party members and cadres resist corruption by bourgeois ideas and prevents revisionism. All such talk as that the purpose of taking part in productive labour is to change the masses' "impression" of us and put on a show for the masses is nothing but reactionary nonsense, and a vain attempt to lead us Communists astray, to divorce ourselves from the masses, become double-dealers and degenerate.

In the past ten or twenty years, we Party members of the Tachai Brigade, following Chairman Mao's teachings, have taken the lead in participating in collective productive labour and the struggle against the class enemy. If we had followed the advice of China's Khrushchov and taken part in labour just to put on a show and change the masses' "impression" of us, things would have been entirely different. Then we Party members of Tachai would not have been able to put our roots down among the masses, enjoy their support and have a Party branch which today plays the role of a leading core. Still less would we have been able to build the thriving new socialist Tachai of today.

Mao Tse-tung's thought is always the beacon light guiding our way forward. We must study Chairman Mao's writings hard, follow his teachings, act according to his instructions, and be his good fighters. We will thoroughly repudiate and discredit the fallacies spread by China's Khrushchov and for ever maintain the fine qualities of vanguard fighters of the proletariat.