

SHANGHAI EDITORIAL URGES CONSOLIDATION POWER

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[WEN HUI PAO editorial: "Consolidate Revolutionary Committees in the Course of the Revolutionary Mass Criticism and Repudiation"]

[Text] Chairman Mao has taught us: "All revolutionary struggles in the world are aimed at seizing political power and consolidating it."

As the great proletarian cultural revolution was originated from the campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, its complete process is a campaign of mass criticism and repudiation. To consolidate and develop the new-born revolutionary committees, it is necessary for us to take firm hold of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.

Chairman Mao has recently pointed out: "The great proletarian cultural revolution is, in essence, a great political revolution under the conditions of socialism made by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes; it is a continuation of the prolonged struggle between the Chinese Communist Party and the masses of revolutionary people under its leadership on the one hand, and the Kuomintang reactionaries on the other, a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie."

Chairman Mao's latest instruction is a profound elucidation of the great significance of the great cultural revolution and a clear-cut analysis of its class contents. Under the guidance of this great principle, we must unfold the campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.

The handful of renegades, special agents, and diehard capitalist-roaders are the KMT reactionaries lurking in our revolutionary ranks. Though they have been removed from their official posts and struck down by us, their reactionary thought and their remnant influence among the masses have not yet been wiped out. Therefore, they are engaged in a war without guns against us.

At present, one thing should be noted. The handful of class enemies are exploiting those wavering elements in our own ranks to energetically carry out their counter-revolutionary tactics of doubledealing and right splittism. They are trying every way to sow discord among the leading members of the revolutionary committees, setting the revolutionary committees against the revolutionary mass organizations, estranging the revolutionary committees from the army, and undermining the relations among the various revolutionary mass organizations, so as to break these units one by one. We must drive these counterrevolutionary doubledealers out of our ranks, strengthen our solidarity, deal with our common enemy with concerted efforts, and consolidate our revolutionary committees.

While efforts are being made to drive out such counterrevolutionary doubledealers, we must thoroughly refute the trend of reactionary thought which was stirred up by them. All shopworn ideologies, such as the attitude of "doubting all" and the spirit of opposing the superior, right splittism, and right opportunism, must be refuted and discredited. Only by so doing can we stand firm against the adverse current and adhere to the general orientation of struggle.

Chairman Mao has taught us constantly: "There is no construction without destruction." The word "destruction" here means mass criticism and repudiation; therefore, it stands for "revolution." While destroying something, we must have a good reason for such actions. The process of finding a good reason is precisely a process of "construction." Put "destruction" first, and in the very process you have "construction."

In unfolding mass criticism and repudiation, it is necessary to make full use of those teachers who teach by negative example. We must be aware of the traits of the class struggles that are going on in our own units and of the ideologies that are opposed to each other. Only then can we locate the source of problems and arouse the masses to criticize and repudiate some of the outstanding problems.

In the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, we must discover the exact direction from which the enemy is attacking us and, likewise, the direction in which the enemy is retreating. From this we can enhance our ideological level and improve our skills in struggling.

The campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation is a grave struggle against all ideologies of the bourgeoisie and the exploiting classes. It is a serious struggle to completely strike down the KMT reactionaries.

Under the guidance of Chairman Mao's latest instructions, let us plant flags of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation all over China, and incessantly consolidate our revolutionary committees during the stormy class struggle!