

## SHANGHAI EDITORIAL ATTACKS FACTIONALISM

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[25 January WEN HUI PAO editorial: "Down With Factionalism and Emancipate Cadres"]

[Text] Bourgeois and petty factionalism, the editorial states, is a major enemy of the revolutionary great alliance and also of the revolutionary three-way alliance. Chairman Mao taught us: To correctly treat cadres is a key problem in carrying out the revolutionary three-way alliance, consolidating the revolutionary great alliance, and doing a good job in the struggle-criticism-transformation in each own unit. It is imperative to solve the problem well.

Those who harbor factionalism cannot treat cadres correctly. Furthermore, while dealing with cadre problems they frequently make unnecessary issues of factionalism, thus seriously interfering in Chairman Mao's great strategic plan and hampering the establishment of revolutionary committees in some units. Those who have been bothered by the poisonous factionalism cannot distinguish right from wrong on cadre problems and cannot draw a line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves. If you want to struggle against a cadre, they want to defend him. If you want to defend a cadre, they want to vigorously struggle against him until he is ferreted out. As a result of the excessive struggle and protection, a number of revolutionary cadres are unable to step forward, and Chairman Mao's latest instructions on the problems of cadres cannot be implemented. Consequently, revolutionary cadres are at their wit's end and under attack. Enemies make use of factionalism, which, in turn, covers the enemies. A handful of bad people are in hiding.

In short, if factionalism is not overthrown, the party spirit cannot be established, bad people cannot be ferreted out, and revolutionary cadres cannot step forward. There is a possibility that the tasks in relation to the revolutionary great alliance, revolutionary three-way alliance, revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, and struggle-criticism-transformation cannot be accomplished.

The editorial points out that if one mistakes good cadres for bad ones and attacks them, or takes bad cadres for good ones and defends them, he is running counter to the principle of the party spirit of the proletariat and to Chairman Mao's policy on cadres.

On the problem of cadres, the editorial says, how do we adhere to the principle of proletarian party spirit? This means to resolutely criticize, discredit, and overthrow those obstinate capitalist-roaders, renegades, special agents, and counterrevolutionaries. No matter whether they are on the stage or behind the scenes and no matter where they are hiding, they must be dragged out. We must never shield those bad people because of factionalism. To shield bad people is to commit a crime against the people. To adhere to the principle of proletarian party spirit means to make efforts to enable more revolutionary cadres to step forward and to enthusiastically help them correct mistakes as well as to courageously emancipate and use them.

We must never take the attitude that "let those who obey me prosper and those who disobey me die" [a chinese proverb] We must guard against the sneaking into the revolutionary committees by bad people but must not be afraid of emancipating revolutionary cadres.

In adherence to the principle of proletarian party spirit, it is necessary to allow cadres to make and correct mistakes. (When) cadres make mistakes, do not overthrow them right away. It is not a matter of much importance when cadres make mistakes. To correct mistakes is a good thing. It is necessary to unite and educate those cadres who have committed mistakes, including those who made serious mistakes, provided they do not persist in their errors after repeated teaching.

The editorial points out: Some cadres who made serious mistakes and do not want to repent are making use of factionalism as a shield and are hiding behind it to make trouble. In order to protect themselves, they carry out the measures of so-called "leaning to one side" by supporting one faction to attack the other. Such a development is quite dangerous. When (factionalism) is brought to light, revolutionary masses must united to fully settle the account. If they are cadres who want to make revolution, they should take the stand of proletarian party spirit and the side of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line in order to be the promoters of the revolutionary great alliance. Where mass opinions are plentiful, important, and acute, one should take the initiative and make an investigation. If the two factions are both revolutionary mass organizations, cadres of one faction, in particular, should go to the other faction to check their own mistakes, seek understanding from the other side, and help the two factions dispel any misunderstandings and differences, thus making contributions to facilitating the revolutionary great alliance.

The WEN HUI PAO editorial concludes: Proletarian revolutionaries, unite! Adhere to the proletarian party spirit and down with bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism. Further help revolutionary cadres step forward. Establish expeditiously the leading group of the revolutionary three-way alliance and strive for wresting the all-around victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution.