

## PAPER URGES REBELLION AGAINST FACTIONALISM

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[HEILUNGKIANG DAILY 25 January editorial: "Rebel against the factionalism of chieftains--further on 'factionalism should rightly be destroyed'"]

[Text] "War drums usher in the spring; snow flurries bring glad tidings." The current of revolutionary great alliance in our province surges onward irresistibly like boiling torrents of rivers. The important signal of the excellent situation of the revolutionary great alliance is that the broad revolutionary masses have taken action under the guidance of Chairman Mao's latest instructions. Marching ahead of others, the heroic working class has become a model in the revolutionary great alliance.

The masses have risen up; what shall chieftains do? Many chieftains have failed to appear in the front of mass movements to actively lead the masses marching forward. Instead they have worn this poisonous snake of factionalism around themselves as a decorative sash. They do not want to ally themselves with others, but they also fear other people forming alliances. While others beat gongs and drums to celebrate the formation of alliances, they busily fabricate rumors and spread slanders [words indistinct]. What is even worse: they still try to peddle their factionalism.

"The great alliance must proceed from the top to the bottom." Who prescribes this edict? While it is very good if the great alliance originates at the top, the main problem at this time is not with the masses at the bottom but with certain chieftains at the top. What is much needed at the moment is for the lower level to push the top level forward. The real purpose of advocates of the "from the top to the bottom" theory is to attempt to put the masses in shackles so that they themselves will be free to seize positions and fight for leadership.

"The masses are (?ideologically immature)." It is only a pretext for not taking action and not wishing to form alliances. You should know that often the broad masses are way ahead of us. There are only examples of trailing leadership but none of trailing masses. Those who are genuinely (?immature ideologically) are mainly you big and petty chieftains! Even if there are those among the masses who are (?immature ideologically), it has much to do with the fact that you chieftains are afflicted with factionalism. Therefore you had better give it some thought.

"We are conducting negotiations, you be patient and quiet." Yes, negotiations should be undertaken, but it merits our attention that some chieftains lack sincerity to form alliances. They confer endlessly and talk endlessly, [words indistinct], deliberately drag the negotiations on and on, and place the masses (?in total darkness). How can the masses sit quietly by, waiting forever for the conclusion of these kind of "marathon" negotiations? Frankly speaking, only through the action of the masses can the situation be remedied and negotiations carried forward to a successful end.

We shall follow the party spirit of chieftains but will not take after the factionalism of chieftains. So long as chieftains' views and actions are in line with Mao Tse-tung's thought, with Chairman Mao's latest instructions, with the demands of the revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary three-way alliance, the revolutionary masses will resolutely support them and exert all efforts to put them into effect. If their views and actions are counter to Mao Tse-tung's thought and Chairman Mao's latest instructions, or if they are engaged in schism and factional fights, then revolutionary masses will not support them, participate in their factional conferences, use factional slogans put out by them, attend their factional exchange of revolutionary experiences. Instead revolutionary masses will rebel against their factionalism and crush their factionalism, and help them to guide the petty-bourgeois ideas existing in our ranks to the proletarian revolutionary orbit. Let the higher levels ally with the lower levels and encourage each other so as to spend spring festival in a great alliance.

Here we copy down the phrases on a pair of scrolls given to their chieftains by the workers of the Peking machine factory for perusal by the chieftains of those units that have not yet formed revolutionary great alliances:

The scroll at the right reads: "The masses cry out for alliance, alliance"; the scroll at the left reads: "Leaders of two factions, how about it, how about it?" The horizontal inscription in the middle reads: "Decide immediately."