

TSINGHAI DAILY EMPHASIZES CLASS STRUGGLE

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[TSINGHAI DAILY 29 March editorial: "Life Is a Revolution, Life Is a Struggle"]

[Text] Life is a revolution! Life is a struggle!

This is the truth of Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse-tung's thought. Proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses must master this truth and actively remold the entire world in the midst of struggle.

Chairman Mao has taught us that class contradictions exist during the entire transitional period, that class struggle exists between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, and that struggle exists between the two roads of socialism and capitalism. If we forget this longstanding basic theory and practice of the party, we will inevitably follow the wrong path. In these circumstances, we cannot forget class struggle.

In one word, the philosophy of the Communist Party is struggle. This philosophy of struggle guarantees that we will unceasingly advance and preserve our revolutionary vigor. If we are afraid to confront reality and expose contradictions, and even forget class struggle, our ranks will become weak and ineffective and will take the road of opportunism.

Out of struggle between contradictions comes development, and human society has advanced because of such struggles. In a class society, class struggle is the motive power behind the advance of history. Without revolution there will be no progress, and without struggle there will be no advance. A man will only be a (?muddleheaded) political Philistine if he fears to make revolution, conduct struggles, break the abscess and squeeze out the pus, lift the lid off class struggle, and drag out the class enemy.

We proletarians thrive on revolution and struggle. The criterion of our lives is: make revolution, make revolution eternally. Our philosophy is: struggle, struggles always. This is a truth confirmed by the proletariat in revolutionary practice, and it is a basic principle of Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse-tung's thought.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has taught us: "Changes in society are due chiefly to the development of the internal contradictions in society, that is, the contradiction between the productive forces and the relations of production, the contradiction between classes and the contradiction between the old and the new; it is the development of these contradictions that pushes society forward and gives the impetus for the supersession of the old society by the new." This means that society advances mainly because of the development of internal contradictions in society. Revolutionary struggle stimulates the progress of labor and hastens the doom of old systems, old ideologies, old habits, and old forces. It also stimulates the rapid advance of society, and enhances the rapid growth and dissemination of new entities and new ideologies. In the prevailing historical conditions, we must impel the socialist revolution to a higher stage and win an all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution. We must raise still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and the standards of revolutionary struggle and launch endless attacks against the class enemies, bombard them relentlessly, and thoroughly repudiate all hostile ideologies.

There are some comrades, however, who do not understand this and are unable to utilize the philosophy of struggle. Confronted with sharp and complex class struggles, they become hesitant and are beset with worry. They dare not face reality and expose contradictions; on the contrary, they attempt to evade problems and toy with "compromise" and "eclecticism" when faced with contradictions between the two opposing sides.

Although they clearly hear the reactionary opinions slandering and attacking the great thought of Mao Tse-tung voiced by the class enemies, and clearly see the class enemies vigorously stirring up counterrevolutionary economism, attacking us with sugar-coated bullets, and taking advantage of bourgeois and petty bourgeois factionalism and anarchism in our ranks to disrupt the great proletarian cultural revolution, sabotage production, and undermine the dictatorship of the proletariat, they do not attack the enemy, resolutely struggle against them, and repudiate them thoroughly.

They are afraid to stir up a hornet's nest, throw the front line into confusion, or commit errors which might have great consequences. They cover up contradictions and hold down the lid of class struggle. They do not want others to lift the lid off class struggle, and they do not want others to conduct struggles which they refuse to conduct. This attitude of theirs, if allowed free rein, would result in liberalism, and it would play the evil role of covering up for and aiding the enemy.

Revolutionary practice has underscored the fact that struggle is the motive force of progress. If there is an abscess on the body of the revolutionary ranks, it must be lanced and drained to make the body stronger and healthier. In some units there is a need to give vent to class struggle and drag the class enemy out. Then all problems will be solved.

If there is no revolution and no struggle, and if the abscess if allowed to grow unchecked and class struggle is covered up, it will lead to grave errors. Only through struggle can we expose the enemy, unite with friends, strike hard at the enemy, annihilate him, and (?put us on an) invincible footing. If we give up struggle the enemy will strike when we are least prepared, throw our line into confusion and disrupt our plans, thus putting us at a disadvantage.

It is imperative that we emphasize the fact that the class struggle has not yet been given full vent in certain units, and the class enemy is stirring up trouble behind the scenes. It is even usurping powers of leadership and imposing dictatorship on the proletarian revolutionaries. Now is the time for comrades of these units to lift the lid off the class struggle. They must struggle courageously and boldly, raise a typhoon against the enemy, keep him on tenterhooks; otherwise, if we ignore it or adopt an attitude of liberalism, we will be committing a crime against the revolution.

Class struggle will never end in a society where classes exist, and the struggle between correct and erroneous concepts will never end either. Contradiction is an objective law, and it will never die out. Only through struggle can we realize the solution of contradictions and achieve progress. Where there is contradiction there will be struggle; you cannot avoid it even if you want to. Every revolutionary comrade must make struggle a lifetime job. Revolutionary committees at various levels must lead the masses and conduct struggle against the class enemy courageously, thereby consolidating the red political power and wiping out the enemy completely, wholly, and entirely.