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[LIBERATION DAILY 21 April Editorial: "Adhere to the Party Spirit of the Proletarian Revolutionaries"]

[Text] The 20 April joint editorial of PEOPLE'S DAILY and LIBERATION ARMY DAILY, "Victory for the Proletarian Revolutionaries," conveyed the teachings of our great leader Chairman Mao on the need to apply class analysis to factionalism, and pointed out the need to adhere to the proletarian revolutionary group spirit, the party spirit of proletarian revolutionary vanguards, and the revolutionary spirit of the left who are armed with Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse-tung's thought.

Chairman Mao is greatly concerned over the proletarian revolutionaries, giving them his wholehearted love and support. This teaching of Chairman Mao's has bolstered the morale of the proletarian revolutionaries, and has given us the greatest encouragement to carry through to the end the great political revolution that the proletariat is waging against the bourgeoisie and exploiting classes.

The group spirit of the proletarian revolutionaries is the party spirit of proletarian revolutionary vanguards. This means that we must be loyal to Chairman Mao, adhere closely to his great strategic plan, and resolutely implement the militant call issued by the proletarian headquarters which is headed by Chairman Mao and which has Vice Chairman Lin as second in command. We must proceed from the standpoint of the party, the proletariat, and the masses to struggle for the prevention of capitalist restoration, for consolidation of proletarian dictatorship, and for realization of communism.

The factionalism of proletarian revolutionaries is the revolutionary spirit of the left. This means that we must give full play to the thorough revolutionary spirit of the proletariat, unceasingly wage a fierce general offensive against renegades, secret agents, diehard capitalist-roaders, and all class enemies, annihilate all exploiting classes, and sweep out all the corrosive ideological garbage.

The great proletarian cultural revolution has won a decisive victory. But the class struggle has by no means ended. The militant tasks confronting us are still extremely difficult. We must consolidate and develop the revolutionary great alliance on the basis of revolution, and build up the revolutionary committee in accordance with the latest teachings of Chairman Mao. We must also launch a penetrating and prolonged revolutionary great criticism and repudiation and successfully carry out struggle-criticism-transformation.

Proletarian revolutionaries must not fail the trust placed in them by Chairman Mao if they want to accomplish this glorious historic task. They must continue to give full play to the role of vanguards of the revolution. They must continue to adhere to the party spirit of proletarian revolutionary vanguards, and persist in the revolutionary spirit of the left. In short, we must adhere to the group spirit of proletarian revolutionaries. If proletarian revolutionaries consider that their tasks have been accomplished and that they can rest on their laurels, they will find this attitude is not only out of tune with the realities of the present class struggle but is also no attitude for a genuine revolutionary.

If one wants to adhere to the group spirit of the proletarian revolutionaries one must avoid compromise and eclecticism. Proletarian revolutionaries must persist in their own revolutionary spirit and persist in holding power with proletarian group spirit. Thus they will be able to transform our revolutionary committees into revolutionary headquarters invested with genuine proletarian authority.

We must unfold a vigorous ideological struggle. We should never discard a revolutionary principle merely for the sake of achieving an outward appearance of peace and harmony. Some are bound to say that this is another manifestation of factionalism. This is not so. We must apply class analysis to factionalism. The proletariat and the bourgeoisie are two big factions basically antagonistic to each other. It is either proletarian group spirit or bourgeois factionalism, and we must adhere to and promote the former.

This will adversely effect unity and disrupt the alliance, some are bound to say. This is incorrect. Chairman Mao said: "We stand for active ideological struggle because it is the weapon for insuring unity within the party and the revolutionary organizations in the interest of our fight." The unity we want is a militant unity which has a common revolutionary goal. Unity will be successful if we seek it for struggle, but it will fail if we seek it to reach a compromise.

The group spirit of the proletarian revolutionaries is displayed in the struggle against bourgeois factionalism, and bourgeois factionalism takes many forms in our ranks.

These are manifested in such forms as the conservative group spirit of right opportunists, the group spirit of the extreme "left" which is left in form but right in essence, and counterrevolutionary doubledealing factionalism. If such bourgeois things are allowed to gain ascendancy in our ranks, our organization cannot be called revolutionary; and in the face of enemy attacks we will be disarmed and become ineffective.

We must be especially vigilant against and resolutely oppose right deviationist splittism, right deviationist capitulationism, and right deviationist conservatism. These are the reflection of bourgeois factionalism in our ranks. The class enemy is using these to whip up the current right deviationist evil wind of reversing correct decisions. It is one of the militant tasks of proletarian revolutionaries to conduct an uncompromising struggle against such bourgeois factionalism.

The revolutionary spirit and scientific approach of the proletarians are as one. We will be irresistible and can hit hard, hit accurately, and hit continuously at the enemy if we make strict distinction between the two kinds of different contradictions, correctly grasp the policy and plans of the party, resolutely have faith in the majority of the cadres, and unite all forces which can be united.