

Emergency Proclamation of the Military Committee Regarding the Proletarian Cultural Revolution of the Military Academy

To all military districts, military groups, soldier groups, military academies, General Staff, general reserve, and the political departments of party committees:

The Proletarian Cultural Revolution of the Military Regiments has emphasized the academies from the very beginning. Generally speaking, this is a good situation; but some of the administrative organs and leaders of

the academies have over emphasized the special characteristic of the military academies, and to this day the phenomena of oppressing democracy still exists. The different classes, departments, and schools are not allowed to contact one another and the movement is cooling off. The students are even incited to struggle against students and to attack leftists. This situation is in serious violation of the resolution of the party's Central Committee concerning the Proletarian Cultural Revolution (Article 16); therefore, according to the directive of Comrade Lin Piao, all these traditional impediments of the masses should be completely eliminated from the Proletarian Cultural Revolution. Just as in the local schools and academies, the movement should be conducted in accordance with Article 16. The full development of democracy must be encouraged. The methods of loud proclamation, wall posters, and debates must be utilized, and the military academies and schools must set a good example in this respect. During the movement, students must not be incited to struggle against the students and attention must be given to protect the minorities. The accusations against those so-called "counterrevolutionary," "anti-party elements," "rightist elements," "pseudo-leftists and true rightists" by the Party Committee of the school and the work group during the initial stage of the movement should all be declared nul and void. The accused must be rehabilitated and their reputation must be recovered. The confessions written by some individuals under duress must be returned to these individuals. All written materials concerning these people written by Party Committee members, work groups, and others should also be presented to the masses for disposal. With the consent of the person involved, these written documents may also be destroyed in front of the masses. The masses should be trusted and there is no need to be afraid of the masses. Courage must come first. We must believe that students, teachers and workers of the academies and schools are mostly revolutionary and good. They listen to the party and Chairman Mao; they do support the ideology of Mao Tse-tung; their general direction of revolution has always been correct.

We must also recognize the fact that there are indeed small groups of anti-party, anti-socialist, bad elements, however; we must make use of the Proletarian Cultural Revolution to struggle to the end, to criticize to the end, and in the mean time to grasp the three articles of Vice Chairman Lin Piao for the leaders:

Do they hold up high the Great Red Banner of Mao Tse-tung's ideas?

Do they support Chairman Mao?

Is politics emphasized; is there a revolutionary effort?

When examinations according to the three articles are carried out, attention must be given to struggle with culture, not weapons.

In the past, special regulations were given by the Military Committee regarding Proletarian Cultural Revolution, for example: the contacts and

praise of the academies and regiments should be directed by the Party Committees and should be carried out only within the limits of the school and the academies, and they are not allowed to parade outside of the academy limits. These regulations are now no longer suitable for the current conditions and should be declared null and void. In the future, the academies and schools should let the revolutionary students and teachers elect cultural revolutionary groups, cultural revolutionary committees, and cultural revolutionary congress of representatives to be the authoritative organs, according to Article 16, to carry out the glorious responsibilities of struggling, criticizing, and reforming. Revolutionary contact, parade, and investigation should be allowed, but the revolutionary students and teachers of the military schools should not be allowed to interfere with the Cultural Revolution of the local schools.

This proclamation should be immediately read to all the students, teachers, and staff members.

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