

## CIRCULAR OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE OPPOSITION TO ECONOMISM

Party committees at all levels:

The great proletarian cultural revolution is at present intensively developing in all industrial and mining enterprises and rural areas. The situation is very good, with the broad worker and peasant masses rising to struggle against a small handful of power-holders in the Party who take the capitalist road, and criticize all capitalist and revisionist things. However, to sabotage the great proletarian cultural revolution and shift the target of the struggle, a small handful of power-holders in the Party who take the capitalist road are inciting a small number of people, who are ignorant of the true facts, to indulge freely in economism and wage struggle against the socialist state of proletarian dictatorship. By various means of economic bribery, they try to lead some of the masses onto the evil road of economism, where they would pursue exclusively personal and temporary interests in disregard of the interests of the State and the collective. They want not only to restore, but also expand, some of the past erroneous measures concerning wages and the welfare system. They incite some of the masses to demand promotion and wage increases and to freely demand the State for money and material supplies. They incite the masses, who went to settle down in rural villages a few years ago and who have been taking part in agricultural production, to return to the cities and put forward unreasonable economic demands. Some public organs, enterprises, and business units draw money from banks arbitrarily in disregard of state regulations. Landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad characters, and Rightists, taking advantage of the opportunity, also try to upset the economic life of the country and sabotage

the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The Central Committee holds that such acts of sabotage against the great proletarian cultural revolution must be stopped immediately and that the tendency to indulge in economism must be checked at once.

First, all revolutionary masses must sharpen their vigilance and, with the thought of Mao Tse-tung as a weapon, convince the minority of the deceived masses [of their mistake], expose the sinister schemes and tricks of the power-holders in the Party who take the capitalist road as well as those of landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad characters, and Rightists, and protect the property of the State and the collective, so as to enable the great proletarian cultural revolution to proceed along the correct line laid down by Chairman Mao.

Second, in the great proletarian cultural revolution, the Central Committee will carry out investigation and study on certain irrational things in the past connected with economic matters. It will take the reasonable views of the masses and put forward solutions. No change is to be made before new measures are formulated by the Central Committee.

Third, those who went to settle down in rural villages a few years ago and who have been taking part in agricultural production, as well as educated youths who have gone to mountain and rural districts, should be contented with agricultural production work and take part in the great proletarian cultural revolution in rural areas. Party committees at all levels should be responsible for the gradual solution of problems that have arisen from their resettlement.

Fourth, the Central Committee instructs all banks to refuse all payments on behalf of state organs, state-owned enterprises, business units, or collective economic units if such payments are not in conformity with state regulations.

Fifth, none of the collectively owned enterprises, handicraft cooperatives, cooperative stores, etc., shall be changed at present to the system of state ownership.

This document should be propagandized generally among workers, peasants, and students, and may also be posted in factories, rural villages, and schools.

The Central Committee of the Chinese  
Communist Party

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