CALL FOR UNITY IN WORKING CLASS (14 September 1967)

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An upsurge in the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation is emerging. To bring about and strengthen the revolutionary great alliance in the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation is a requirement of the present situation of the revolution, a requirement for the consolidation and strengthening of the dictatorship of the proletariat, and an irresistible current in the development of the great proletarian cultural revolution. Today our paper reproduces a report on how the workers of Chapei ch'u, Shanghai, overcame dissension among themselves and set up a unified organization. This is an excellent example of how the working class brings about a revolutionary great alliance through mass criticism and repudiation.

Proletarian revolutionaries must be loyal to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, closely follow his great strategic plan and make new contributions toward bringing about and strengthening the revolutionary great alliance in the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation. This is a very important task facing every proletarian revolutionary, every revolutionary cadre and every mass organization.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "We hail from all corners of the country and have joined together for a common revolutionary objective."

What is our common revolutionary objective at present? It is to engage in mass exposure, mass criticism and repudiation and mass struggle against the handful of Party persons who are in authority and take the capitalist road and are headed by China's Khrushchev. In order to achieve this objective, it is necessary to organize millions upon millions of the masses and move a mighty army into action to bring about and strengthen the revolutionary great alliance. So long as we have common ground in waging revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation and mass struggle against the handful of top Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road, and so long as we follow the common orientation of implementing Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, then we have found the most important common ground and laid the foundation for a revolutionary great alliance.

Only by forming a revolutionary great alliance can we isolate the enemy to the utmost extent and overthrow them thoroughly. Absence of this alliance, or taking a sectarian or indifferent attitude toward it, would be harmful to the great objective of defeating the enemy of the proletariat and to the better unfolding of the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.

The proletariat is the most advanced and revolutionary class. Chairman Mao teaches us: "There is no conflict of fundamental interests in the ranks of the working class. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, there is no reason whatsoever for the working class to split into two opposing organizations." Therefore, it is the proletariat that best understands the importance of the revolutionary great alliance. The proletariat should be a model in making revolutionary criticism and repudiation and in forming a revolutionary great alliance.

In some places, two opposing organizations have been formed in the ranks of the working class. Some of these cases have stemmed from the dissension sown by a handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road who have hoodwinked, misled and manipulated the masses. Other cases have been brought about owing to sabotage and instigation by a handful of landlord, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad elements and rightists or owing to the corrosive influence of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideas, including anarchism, sectarianism, small group mentality, and "doubting everyone" mentality, which appear in right or extreme "left" form.

In the final analysis, this has been brought about by the remnant evil influence of the bourgeois reactionary line of China's Khrushchev. The working class should make great efforts to study Mao Tse-tung's thought and should unite in the course of the struggle against the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road, in the course of the struggle to expose sabotage plots by both overt and covert counterrevolutionaries and bad elements, and in the course of criticizing, repudiating and overcoming non-proletarian ideas. Proletarian revolutionaries with a high level of political consciousness should patiently help the hoodwinked class brothers to raise the level of their political consciousness and to return to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

At present, the phenomena of sectarianism and splittism appearing in our revolutionary ranks are seriously hindering the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, the revolutionary great alliance, and the campaign of grasping the revolution and stimulating production. If these phenomena are not overcome, some bad elements will sneak into our revolutionary ranks. If we do not sharpen our revolutionary vigilance but fill our minds with selfish ideas, petty-bourgeois ideas and sectarian ideas, we shall be instigated by the class enemies and misled by them to struggle against the masses while putting aside the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. If so, our general orientation in the struggle will be wrong.

In the course of forming a revolutionary great alliance, the proletarian revolutionaries and all revolutionary comrades should give primary

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importance to the interests of the entire situation of the revolution, and to the Party character of the proletariat. Only in this way can our ranks be in perfect shape and march in step so as to concentrate fire at the target and carry out revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation well.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "The unification of our country, the unity of the people, and the unity of the nationalities — these are the basic guarantees of the sure triumph of our cause."

The present revolutionary movement of mass criticism and repudiation which is carried out in depth all over the country has laid a wide and deep ideological foundation for forming a revolutionary great alliance. Let us hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, greet the new upsurge in the revolutionary great alliance in the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, and win more brilliant new victories in the great proletarian cultural revolution!