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[WEN HUI PAO 21 April editorial: "It Is Necessary To Apply Class Analysis to Factionalism"]

[Text] If class and class struggle exist, so will factions. The proletariat and the bourgeoisie are two factions basically antagonistic to each other. Each group has its own brand of group spirit, but we must adhere to the proletarian revolutionary group spirit. It is necessary not only to avoid opposing the group spirit of proletarian revolutionaries, but also to give it resolute support.

The proletarian revolutionary group spirit is an excellent thing, but we must resolutely oppose all counterrevolutionary doubledealing factionalisms--the various manifestations of bourgeois factionalism in the revolutionary ranks, the group spirit of right opportunist conservative groups, and the group spirit of the extreme "left," which is left in form but right in essence. We can continue to consolidate and develop the revolutionary great alliance and the revolutionary three-way alliance in the new situation of the revolution only by adhering to the group spirit of the proletarian revolutionaries, and oppose the various manifestations of bourgeois factionalism in the revolutionary ranks. Only thus can we make correct appraisal of the contradictions between the enemy and ourselves and of the contradictions among the people, carry the struggle of the two classes, the two roads, and the two lines through to the end, and wrest all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

We must be good at differentiating the proletarian revolutionary group spirit and bourgeois factionalism and recognize their natures. Do not summarily oppose all group spirit without first applying class analysis to them. Be careful not to include proletarian revolutionary group spirit in the course of opposing bourgeois factionalism.

Note how some persons are using the slogan "oppose factionalism," which has been disemboweled of class context, to oppose proletarian revolutionary group spirit on a mass scale, and to launch frenzied attacks on the proletarian revolutionaries.

This is a new development of the class struggle. Under these circumstances and in this situation we must further arm ourselves with Mao Tse-tung's thought, enhance the proletarian group spirit, and attack the enemy without cease.

The struggle between the two classes, two roads, and two lines does not end with the forming of revolutionary alliances among proletarian revolutionaries. It is still violently active. We must now vigorously criticize the right deviationist evil wind of reversing correct decisions and oppose right conservatism, right splittism, and right capitulationism. This is a highly important context of the struggle between the two classes, two roads, and two lines.

If we forget the struggle of the classes and the lines, and occupy ourselves in inane discussion on the struggle to oppose factionalism, or even go to the extent of covering up and stifling the struggle of the lines, it will blind us to the fact that the great proletarian cultural revolution is really a great political revolution waged by the proletariat under the condition of socialism against the bourgeoisie and all exploiting classes, a continuation of the prolonged struggle waged by the CCP and the masses under its leadership against Kuomintang reactionaries, and a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. It will thus lead us to commit a grave error.

What should be used to hold power in the newborn red political power--the proletarian revolutionary group spirit or bourgeoisie factionalism--is a fundamental problem concerning the line which the red political power should pursue. Only by using proletarian revolutionary group spirit to hold power and by persisting in the use of the party spirit of the proletarian vanguards to hold power can we implement the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao and lead the masses forward in the raging storms and waves of the struggle between the classes and the lines.

If we use bourgeois group spirit to hold power, we run the risk of having the political power of the proletariat transformed into the political power of the small group of the bourgeoisie and cause the transformation of the units and departments under their control into independent kingdoms. This should be enough to prod us into a state of high vigilance.