

EDITORIAL CASTIGATES RIGHT CAPITULATIONISTS

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[Text] Right capitulationism is one of the major dangers to the cultural revolution. Following the swift implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions and the successful attacks launched by the proletarian revolutionaries on their own initiative, the handful of stubborn capitalist-roaders within the party, renegades, secret agents, and the monsters and demons of society who are not reconciled to their defeat are attempting to carry out a desperate struggle and are sneaking into the revolutionary ranks.

At the key juncture of the class struggle, a number of comrades either yielded to the pressures emerging from right or left, became vulnerable to attacks by sugar-coated bullets or surprise attacks by the counterrevolutionary doubledealers, gave up the fight against the class enemy, or gave up the proletarian revolutionary principle, or surrendered to the enemy and joined the reactionary force. This is right capitulationism.

Right capitulationism helps the class enemy. When the class enemy attacked the proletarian headquarters, the proletarian revolutionary line, and the proletarian revolutionaries, and attempted to whip up an evil wind of reversing correct decisions, a number of comrades not only failed to launch a counterattack but helped the class enemy fabricate public opinion, relay and gather information, and organize their forces.

When the class enemy attempted to launch a counterrevolutionary power seizure or when certain units were seized and controlled by bad elements, a number of comrades failed to expose and rebel against the class enemy, coexisted peacefully with the class enemy, sheltered the bad elements, or helped the enemy conduct bourgeois dictatorship and suppress the revolutionary masses. When the class enemy sowed seeds of discord in an attempt to disintegrate the proletarian headquarters, the PLA, and the newborn revolutionary committees, a number of comrades not only failed to oppose the class enemy but helped the class enemy recruit manpower, build its mountain stronghold, and make trouble everywhere. All this is a manifestation of right capitulationism.

Our great leader Chairman Mao recently pointed out: "The great proletarian cultural revolution is in essence a great political revolution under conditions of socialism made by the proletariat against the bourgeois and all other exploiting classes; it is a continuation of the prolonged struggle between the CCP and the revolutionary masses under its leadership on the one hand and the KMT reactionaries on the other, a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie."

Right capitulationism is, in essence, a surrender to the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes and the agents of the KMT reactionary clique in the current great political revolution, and a betrayal of the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao, or Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and of the great thought of Mao Tse-tung. It also helps the bourgeois headquarters resume power, helps the bourgeois reactionary line resume its influence, and helps the handful of capitalist-roaders within the party rise again. In a word, right capitulationism serves the counterrevolutionary restoration of capitalism.

Over 30 years ago Chairman Mao exposed the danger of right capitulationism, saying: "In 1927 the revolution was led astray by Chen Tu-hsiu's capitulationism and failed. Every party member must remember this historical, concrete lesson." At present, if we are not resolutely opposed to right capitulationism and allow its further development, there is the serious danger that the great proletarian cultural revolution, unprecedented in history, may stop halfway, or even fail. Therefore we must be resolutely opposed to right capitulationism while dealing a telling blow at the class enemy's counterattack.

Our struggle against right capitulationism is part of the struggle between the two classes, two roads, and two lines. It is also a great struggle to defend Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the great achievements of the proletarian cultural revolution.

Why have a number of comrades of the revolutionary ranks chosen the path of right capitulationism? The fundamental reason is that they have relaxed transformation on their world outlook. Particularly, a number of intellectuals, whose minds are still handicapped by bourgeois ideas, frequently adopt a vacillating, overenthusiastic, or speculative stand to a certain extent in the struggle between the two lines. Thus, all the intellectuals who want to make revolution must take Mao Tse-tung's thought as the weapon to conscientiously fight self-interest in the depths of their souls, repudiate revisionism, promote devotion to the public interest, and foster and remold themselves in the mass struggle.

At present it is essential to strengthen proletarian revolutionary factionalism, oppose bourgeois factionalism, closely follow Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, grasp the general orientation of struggle, persistently carry out revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, thoroughly criticize and repudiate the counterrevolutionary revisionist line of China's Khrushchev, wipe out the evil influence of right capitulationism, and constantly heighten consciousness of the struggle between the two lines in great storms and winds.