

PAOTOU PLANT COMMITTEE FIGHTS COMPLACENCY

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[Text] Peking--Today's PEOPLE'S DAILY devotes more than half its front page to a report on how the revolutionary committee of the Paotou iron and steel works in north China [Inner Mongolia] and the men from local units of the People's Liberation Army helping the left, are leading the revolutionary masses in a powerful offensive on the handful of class enemies.

When the revolutionary committee was established last February, some members of the committee and a number of workers thought that everything would now be all right as power had fallen into the hands of the proletarian revolutionaries. They busied themselves with day-to-day affairs, and paid little attention to activities of the class enemy.

The PLA men who are helping the left in the steel works soon uncovered this new problem. They realized that if this tendency should develop, the revolutionary committee would be unable to provide strong leadership to the revolutionary workers in the struggle against the class enemy and in carrying the great political revolution through to the end. So, with the members of the revolutionary committee, they once again studied Chairman Mao's teaching "Never forget class struggle" and applied Chairman Mao's teachings to analyze the recent developments of the class struggle in the works, while repudiating China's Khrushchev's absurd theory of "the subsidence of class struggle."

Chairman Mao recently taught: "The great proletarian cultural revolution is in essence a great political revolution under the conditions of socialism made by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes; it is a continuation of the prolonged struggle between the Chinese Communist Party and the masses of revolutionary people under its leadership, on the one hand, and the Kuomintang reactionaries on the other, a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie."

They found in one of the factories that on the surface, all was very quiet, but behind the scenes a handful of class enemies had drawn up a "plan of operation" for the subversion of the newborn revolutionary committee. The enemies were trying out various activities such as sneaking into the revolutionary ranks, creating confusion among the masses, and intriguing to reverse the correct verdicts passed upon them.

The facts of the class struggle made the members of the revolutionary committee realize that, as the great proletarian cultural revolution approaches decisive victory, they must not relax their vigilance, because the class enemy will not take defeat lying down but inevitably makes a last-ditch struggle.

Chairman Mao teaches: "The revolutionary war is a war of the masses; it can be waged only by mobilizing the masses and relying on them." In order to insure a complete victory in the struggle, the revolutionary committee decided to fully arouse the masses through the study of relevant teachings on class struggle by Chairman Mao. After raising their consciousness of the class struggle, over a dozen section leaders in the refractory materials plant went into action and wrote nearly 100 big-character posters exposing and repudiating the criminal activities of the class enemy.

Attempting to blur the distinction between the two different types of social contradictions and create confusion, the class enemy spread rumors against the revolutionary committee. The PLA men and the revolutionary committee saw through the trickery of the class enemy and carefully studied Chairman Mao's teaching: "Only if we draw a clear line between reactionaries and revolutionaries, expose the intrigues and plots of the reactionaries, arouse the vigilance and attention of the revolutionary ranks, and raise our determination to fight and crush the enemy's arrogance can we isolate the reactionaries, vanquish them or supersede them." With their understanding of the class struggle [thus] increased they aroused the masses to expose the tricks of the class enemy and keep a close eye on their activities.

Determined to discredit the class enemy politically, ideologically, and theoretically, the PLA men and the revolutionary committee joined the revolutionary masses in a powerful campaign for the revolutionary criticism and repudiation of the handful of top capitalist-roaders in the party headed by China's Khrushchev, their agents in the locality and works, and of all other class enemies.

The deepening of the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation has heightened the awareness of the masses about the class struggle and promoted the revolutionization of their ideology. This has, in turn, helped to promote the cultural revolution and develop production. Thus, many longstanding problems have been successfully solved in a very short time.