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[PEOPLE'S DAILY Commentator's 21 March article: "The Revolutionary Mass Criticism and Repudiation Must Be Carried On"]

[Text] A report on the general situation of the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation unfolded in the Hsiang production brigade No 2 and in the Muchengchier coal mine and the experience of these two units is published by this paper today. Comrades, please read it carefully.

The general orientation of the great proletarian cultural revolution is that we must arouse the broad masses of workers, peasants, and soldiers; take Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line as a weapon; and unfold penetratingly the campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation against the handful of top capitalist-roaders in the party and their agents in various localities. We must firmly adhere to this general orientation from beginning to end. Any deviation toward relaxing the revolutionary campaign of mass criticism and repudiation must be guarded against and corrected.

The handful of capitalist-roaders in the party, headed by China's Khrushchev has already been exposed by the proletarian revolutionaries and the broad revolutionary masses. But the counterrevolutionary revisionist line pursued by them in various fields and on various fronts has not yet been thoroughly criticized and repudiated; their towering crime in vainly attempting to restore capitalism has not yet been thoroughly liquidated; and the pernicious influence spread by them among the masses has not yet been wiped out. They will never take their defeat lying down. They are still trying in every possible way to use their social influence, resorting to all kinds of sinister means, and incessantly carrying out frenzied counterattacks on the proletariat.

Chairman Mao has taught us: "We must not relax in the least our will to fight. The ideas of relaxing our will to fight and slighting the enemy are erroneous."

The class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie is like a battle between two armies and there is no possibility of a reconciliation. If you do not attack him, he will attack you; if you do not wipe him out, he will wipe you out; and if you do not overthrow him completely, he will stand up and fight back. The proletarian revolutionaries and the broad revolutionary masses must unite on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought, persistently carry on the revolutionary campaign of mass criticism and repudiation, and take the initiative to attack the enemy incessantly until final victory.

In a situation in which the great proletarian cultural revolution is approaching its all-round victory, the class struggle has become more acute and complicated than ever. We must deepen our concept of class struggle, strengthen the education on the struggle between the two lines, develop the fighting spirit of "beating the dog in the water" as advocated by Lu Hsiang-shan, link this spirit with our tasks in all fields and the struggle-criticism-transformation in our own units, and relentlessly repudiate, overthrow, and discredit the handful of capitalist-roaders politically, ideologically, and theoretically.

Each and every one of the 700 million people armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought is a critic. As long as we are arousing the masses to fight a "people's war" of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, denouncing the enemy in speech and in writing, we can certainly bury the bourgeois reactionary line advocated by the handful of capitalist-roaders in the party and let the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought fly over all positions.