

SHANGHAI PAPER: SUBURBAN FACTIONS MUST UNITE

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[WEN HUI PAO 7 January editorial "The two main factions in suburban counties should promptly form revolutionary great alliances"]

[Text] Putting Chairman Mao's latest instructions on a solid basis of all fronts means an all-round victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution. The current, most pressing task confronting some suburban counties of Shanghai which have not yet formed revolutionary great alliances is the placing of Chairman Mao's latest instructions on forming revolutionary great alliances on a solid basis. The two big factions of revolutionary mass organizations must promptly form an alliance on the principle of revolution. Some comrades have declared that contradictions between themselves and the opposite party are contradictions between those who want to have revolution and those who are conservative toward making revolution, that to form alliances it will be necessary for the conservatives to come over to our side. Those comrades holding such views are revolutionary rebels who suffered oppression during February and March of last year. They hold a grudge against the opposite party and will not rest until the opposite party has admitted that it is conservative.

We hold that careful analysis must be made regarding the question of revolutionaries and conservatives. When the handful of party capitalist-roaders were still in power, the trouble they stirred up and the discord they sowed created a situation in which clearly defined revolutionary and conservative factions existed among the masses. This situation changed after the collapse of the capitalist-roaders, especially after the January revolution. The situation that emerged after the collapse of the capitalist-roaders was one of struggle between two big factions among the revolutionary rebels. The phenomenon of one faction oppressing another in the suburban counties reflects this type of struggle. All will be well so long as those comrades who have erred in this respect recognize and rectify their errors.

We must resolutely adhere to Chairman Mao's latest instructions in our work and adopt a lofty revolutionary attitude. The two big factions should speak less of errors and shortcomings of others. Carry out more self-criticism, seek common ground while minimizing differences, leave the airing of errors and shortcomings of others to the other party, and not consider oneself to be always in the right or that truth is always on one's side.

If we do these things, we will win the other party's complete and willing submission and revolutionary great alliances can be easily formed. But if oppression is used, there will be resistance and the forming of revolutionary great alliances will be hampered. Those revolutionary rebels who have been previously subjected to oppression are quite concerned about the revolutionary great alliance. They fear they will be subjected once more to oppression and labeled counterrevolutionaries. We can understand how these comrades feel, but their estimation of the situation is incorrect.

We must have complete faith in the correctness of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. We must have complete faith in the might of the proletarian dictatorship, in the revolutionary great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries, and in the PLA. We must form and strengthen the revolutionary great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries, and in the PLA. We must form and strengthen the revolutionary great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries precisely for the purpose of winning a complete victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution and of preventing the handful of party capitalist-roaders from staging a comeback.

In those places where sharp civil wars have raged for many months, the lid of the class struggle has not been thoroughly ripped off. The handful of capitalists-roaders are still active there. We can no longer tolerate this situation. Some comrades are worried that although they are in a superior position politically they have not yet achieved superiority organizationally. They fear they will be gobbled up after the revolutionary great alliance is formed. Such worries are unnecessary. What we are forming is a revolutionary great alliance. Those proletarian revolutionaries adhering to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line cannot be gobbled up, nor will their ranks disintegrate through oppression. But, if they are reluctant to form revolutionary great alliances or to carry out work in accordance with Chairman Mao's latest instructions, their ranks will inevitably collapse.

As for those revolutionary mass organizations that have erred, they must have courage to make self-criticism, to straightforwardly admit and rectify their errors. Chairman Mao has taught us that rectification should be made when errors are committed, the more promptly and thoroughly the better.

Never try to hide such errors or procrastinate in the rectification of such errors. Those organization cadres who are more conservative in their thinking are especially obliged to make extensive self-criticism and self-examination. They should humbly learn from the workers, poor and lower-middle peasants, and Red Guards. It is a glorious task to persist in the good and rectify the bad in the interests of the people.

The WEN HUI PAO editorial concluded by saying that at present the two big factions in the suburban counties are fed up with fighting civil wars and are willing to form alliances. We hope that the proletarian comrades in arms in the suburban counties will consider the general situation, recognize the major issues, strengthen the proletarian party spirit to overthrow the factionalism of the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie, promptly form alliances on the principled basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought, and win new merits in the struggle to win an all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution in the suburban areas.