

EDITORIALS: GREATEST DANGER IS FROM RIGHT

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[LIBERATION DAILY 5 April editorial: "The Greatest Danger at Present is 'Right'"]

[Text] The editorial says: At present, the greatest danger is right-deviation attempts to reverse past verdicts, right-deviation splittism, and right-deviation conservative tendencies. In our ranks in particular, we must oppose right-deviation conservative ideas. In some areas and units, revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation is not carried out penetratingly; no efforts are made to struggle against and criticize the party capitalist-roaders in the various departments and units; no efforts are made to carry out class struggle. As a result, the renegades, special agents, and counterrevolutionaries cannot be totally eliminated. The landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad elements, and rightists who are hidden among the revolutionary mass organizations are continuing to play their conjuring tricks.

They show no indignation toward reactionary statements and actions aimed at bombarding the proletarian headquarters; they make no effort to counterattack these reactionary statements and actions; they are even indifferent to them as if nothing had happened; they dare not criticize and severely repudiate the bourgeois reactionary trend of thought from the right or from the extreme left. Examples are too numerous to mention.

In short, in some areas and units, the situation in the struggle against the enemies is (very) unfavorable. In some areas and units, there are collections of dust in dark corners, but we have not used our broom to sweep them away.

The editorial says: As the great proletarian cultural revolution has won successive victories, and in the gradual deepening of the struggle between the two lines, the class enemies have resorted to more cunning and sinister means of struggling against us. They attack us from the right and sometimes from the extreme left. Either right or left, their spearhead has always been directed at the proletarian headquarters, at the PLA, and at the newly born revolutionary committees. The greatest danger of the current movement is the right-deviation attempts of the class enemies to reverse past verdicts, their conspiratorial activities of right-deviation splittism, and the conservative ideas in our own ranks. Without eliminating the right-deviation conservative ideas in our ranks, it is impossible to hit at the class enemies more effectively, and it is impossible to push the movement to a new stage.

The editorial says: Right-deviation conservatism is the reflection of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideas in the minds of some of our comrades. Chairman Mao has pointed out: "People with right-deviation ideas do not distinguish between enemies and friends, but mistake the enemies for friends. They regard as friends people whom the broad masses regard as enemies. This is very dangerous. Therefore, this kind of right-deviation conservative ideas must be opposed; we must heighten our revolutionary vigilance and attack the enemies with still more effectiveness."

The editorial says: Chairman Mao teaches us: "Correct political and military lines do not ensue and develop spontaneously and peacefully, but ensue and develop amid struggle. On the one hand, they have to struggle against left-deviation opportunism, on the other hand, they also have to struggle against right-deviation opportunism." In criticizing and repudiating the incorrect tendencies in our ranks, we must carry out the struggle between the two lines. When we oppose the "right" we must guard against the "left." And when we oppose the "left" we must also guard against the "right." We must keep to the stand of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, use the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung to overcome right-deviation ideas or left-deviation ideas. We cannot keep to the stand of the "right" in opposing the "left" or keep to the stand of the "left" in opposing the "right."

At present, when we are opposing the right-deviation ideas, we must guard against the class enemies who seize the opportunity from the extreme left.

In conclusion, the editorial says: In order to build the revolutionary committees into revolutionary headquarters with proletarian revolutionary authority, it is necessary to analyze the situation from the viewpoint of class struggle and to observe matters in our surroundings. We must firmly grasp the general orientation of the struggle, unfold the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, boldly lead the masses to carry out class struggle in such places where it is necessary, and, in the struggle to wrest an all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution, establish proletarian revolutionary authority so as to put into full play the revolutionary role of the revolutionary committees.