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[WEN HUI PAO 4 February editorial, published on page 2, entitled "Carry the Struggle Between the Two Lines Through to the End on the Health Front"]

[Text] The fierce struggle between the two classes, two roads, and two lines has been going on for a long period on the health front. This struggle emerges mainly on the fundamental question of whom the medical and health workers should serve.

Our great leader Chairman Mao pointed out as early as 1945: "Peasants are the main target of the cultural movement of China at the present stage. If the so-called Public Health Service is kept away from the 360 million peasants, it will be nothing but empty talk." We must bear in mind this teaching of Chairman Mao and shift the center of gravity of our medical and health services to the countryside. In opposition to this revolutionary line is the counterrevolutionary revisionist line avocated by China's Khrushchev and his agents in the Health Department. They have been frantically opposing Chairman Mao's medical and health line by turning the medical and health undertakings into a tool in the service of a few bourgeois overlords in the cities and by maintaining large numbers of medical personnel and supplies in the urban areas, thus depriving the peasants, more than 80 percent of the total Chinese population, of medical treatment. Under the circumstances, the broad rural areas have always been in dire need of medicines and medical care.

The crux of the struggle between the two lines on the health front is the question of whether medical service should be rendered to the broad masses of peasantry in the countryside or merely to a small number of bourgeois overlords in the cities. But some comrades hold an entirely different view on this problem. They regard the disputes arising among the revolutionary mass organizations after the "January revolution" as struggles between the revolutionaries and the conservatives. They call the struggle between the two lines factional strife; as a result, the mass organizations which have united under the revolutionary great alliance are once again pushed to the brink of disintegration.

Such a state of affairs is a laughing matter in the eyes of the capitalist-readers simply because the true struggle between Chairman Mao's medical and health line and the counterrevolutionary and revisionist line is being ignored and enshrouded.

Some comrades are only concerned about liquidating in a period of 58 days the bourgeois reactionary line frenziedly pursued by China's Khrushchev and his henchmen. They are not prepared to thoroughly repudiate the whole set of counterrevolutionary revisionist lines pursued by China's Khrushchev and his agents in the Health Department over the past 17 years. They are interested in arguing over matters that have no bearing on principle, but are not interested in mass repudiation and the struggle-criticism-transformation task. We want to ask these comrades: "Where is your class viewpoint?"

At present, the most important question faced by the Medical and Health Department is to expedite the all-around implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instruction on medical and health services, to deepen the campaigns of mass repudiation and struggle-criticism-transformation, to shift the center of gravity of medical and health services to the countryside, and to direct these services toward the direction pointed out by Chairman Mao so that the Medical and Health Department can be of service to the 500 million peasants and so that more medical and health personnel will go to work in the hilly regions and rural areas on a permanent basis. This is a fundamental task in the struggle-criticism-transformation movement which is going on in the Medical and Health Department. It is also a glorious and arduous historic mission of the broad masses of proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary medical and health workers.

The editorial says, in order to accomplish this arduous mission, it is necessary to have a unified leadership group to command all the units from the basic level all the way up to the top. It is also necessary to have ranks of active elements representative of the proletariat to give a demonstration of leadership at several sports for mass emulation. Without a consolidated leadership group for the revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary three-way alliance, the mass organizations will act independently, resulting in a dispersion of strength and a disarray in the ranks.

The present situation of the Medical and Health Department in Shanghai is not conducive to fulfilling this arduous mission. Comrades of medical and health circles should note this backward state of affairs. They should move rapidly to catch up with the developing situation by shifting the center of gravity of medical and health services to the countryside. This is a great revolution as well as a fierce class struggle.

In the course of this revolutionary struggle, it is sure that the class enemies will resent it and try frenziedly to undermine it. This struggle will run into obstinate opposition caused by bourgeois and petty-bourgeois thinking and all sorts of customary habits.

Our revolutionary medical and health workers should not only look at those poisons and virulent tumors detectable under the microscope. They should also see the poisons and virulent tumors of our society. At present, they must arouse the masses and rely on them to repudiate and discredit the handful of reactionary academic "authorities" and obstinate capitalist-roaders. All the special agents, renegades, and counterrevolutionary elements hiding in the ranks of revolutionaries and those landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad elements, and rightists who have not remolded sufficiently must all be dragged out.

In the course of purifying our class ranks, we must proceed under leadership. We must strike accurately, relentlessly, and steadily. The two different kinds of contradictions must be discerned. After the ranks are purified, the class front will become more clear-cut than ever. Then the majority of our revolutionary comrades can be united to do well the task of struggle-criticism-transformation.

Proletarian revolutionary comrades in the medical and health circle, let us unite and go forward in giant strides to welcome the advent of the revolutionary upsurge which will shift the center of gravity of medical and health services to the countryside.