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[LIBERATION DAILY 20 January editorial: "Go Through a Period of Reorganizing the Party Well According to Mao Tse-tung's Thought"] [Text] The editorial says: At present, quite a number of units in Shanghai are engaged in grasping the central task of building and streamlining the party. They have gained some experience. What they do is fine and they do it at the right time. An important step in streamlining and building the party means that in the struggle to seriously study Chairman Mao's proletarian line on party building and to thoroughly criticize and repudiate China's Khrushchev's line on party building, we have to go through a period of reorganizing the party well. Those units which have established revolutionary committees should go ahead of others in carrying out this task.

Chairman Mao recently taught us: "Party organizations should be composed of proletarian progressive elements. They should be vanguard organizations full of vigor and vitality and capable of leading the proletariat and the revolutionary masses in their fight against the class enemy." This latest instruction of Chairman Mao's is a new development of Marxist-Leninist theory on party building. It is a great program for streamlining and building our party. In order to reorganize our party well, we must firmly grasp this link.

How can our party be well reorganized? The editorial says: In the past, the struggle between the two lines has always existed in the course of organizing our party. The handful of capitalist-roaders within the party have consistently pursued China's Khrushchev's line on party building. Great numbers of party members, poisoned by "self-cultivation," served as their tools for bringing about a restoration of capitalism. Today, we must use the all-illuminating thought of Mao Tse-tung [words indistinct] to rectify and reorganize our party, and let the brilliant light of Mao Tse-tung's thought illumine us completely so as to bring about a complete change in the outlook of the party organization, with more vigor and vitality.

To reorganize the party according to Mao Tse-tung's thought, we must encourage party members to combat self-interest and repudiate revisionism on their own initiative. The poisonous influence of China's Khrushchev's revisionist line on party building has been spread far and wide and is deeply rooted. To do the job of reorganizing the party well, we must grasp the living ideas of party members, thoroughly criticize and repudiate the revisionist line on party building, and educate party members with Chairman Mao's line on party building. We must help them to eliminate self-interest and foster devotion to public interest in the height of the struggle between the two lines, set strict demands on ourselves, thoughtfully transform our world outlook with Mao Tse-tung's thought, and become servants of the people forever.

Party members should modestly accept criticism and assistance from the masses, take the initiative to seek opinions from the masses, and correctly treat nonparty proletarian revolutionaries. Those party members who have committed serious mistakes must conduct self-criticism so as to win the understanding and forgiveness from the masses and to improve the relations between the party and the masses.

To reorganize our party well, we also need to straighten out our ranks and purify the party organization. The great majority of party members are good or comparatively good. However, we should not allow renegades, special agents, and people who proved themselves bad elements and who refused to repent in the great proletarian cultural revolution, who have been found guilty after investigation, to remain in our party. The editorial says: In the great proletarian cultural revolution, the work of rectifying and strengthening the party organization must be carried out under the leadership of revolutionary committees. Nonparty proletarian revolutionaries should concern themselves with the work of rectifying and building the party and energetically participate in this revolutionary movement. This is of great significance to the implementation of Chairman Mao's line on party building, clearing out the poisonous influence of China's Khrushchev's revisionist line on party building, further promoting the relations between the party and the masses, promoting the ideological revolutionization of party members, and purifying and strengthening the ranks in the party.

Therefore, we must not think that the work of reorganizing the party is solely the business of the party members. This is the common and urgent demand by the broad masses of nonparty people. Party members should welcome the concern, assistance, and opinions which come from the broad masses of nonparty people.

In conclusion, the editorial says: The fighting task confronting us in 1968 is the all-round implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions and the winning of an all-round victory ideologically, politically, economically, and organizationally in the great proletarian cultural revolution. If we do a good job in reorganizing our party, we shall be able to arouse the broad masses of party members and the revolutionary masses to go all-out, aim high, throw themselves into this struggle with enthusiasm, and fulfill this great task.