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[TSINGTAO DAILY 10 March editorial: "Let the raging flames purifying our ranks spread throughout the educational and public health fields"]

[Text] Fanned by a strong wind, the flames are raging. Following the start of the people's war to purify the ranks of the cultural field in this municipality, the flames purifying our ranks in the educational and public health fields have been spreading. Our great leader Chairman Mao has taught us: "At one time, we talked about purely cultural people. This term is no longer applicable because these people have wormed their way into various political, military, economic, cultural, and educational departments. We used to refer to them as revolutionaries fighting with real guns and bullets. This is no longer correct. Among their ranks are U.S. imperialist or Kuomintang special agents, Trotskyites, reactionary military officers, and communist turncoats. With these people as backbone elements, a counterrevolutionary faction has been formed in the revolutionary camp--an independent underground kingdom."

From the host of facts brought to light in the purification of the cultural ranks of this municipality, we once again have proof of the accuracy of Chairman Mao's wise thesis.

Various facts have proven that the education and public health fields of this municipality are like high mountains with towering trees harboring vermin. Under the protection of the party-building line and the black educational line of China's Khrushchev, a handful of turncoats, special agents, traitors, puppet military officers, anticommunist literary people, diehard capitalist roaders, landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad elements, and rightists who have not been reformed have for a long time been entrenching themselves in our educational battle positions. They have converted the socialist platform into positions for the vigorous dissemination of feudalism, capitalism, revisionism, and decadent thought. They have also turned the crucible of training and bringing up successors to the proletarian revolutionary cause into a nursery for the cultivation of successors of the bourgeoisie. What a vicious intention!

Before liberation, the public health field of this municipality used to be one of the most important bases for the imperialists in carrying out their cultural invasion of China. Turncoats, special agents, foreign slaves, Kuomintang medical officers, reactionary academic authorities of the bourgeoisie, and ghosts and monsters assembled here. For a long time, they frenziedly opposed Chairman Mao's revolutionary medical and public health line, and vigorously promoted the revisionist public health line. Socialist public health was turned into a tool to serve a small number of bourgeois lords in the cities.

During the great proletarian cultural revolution, these bad people tried to deceive us by projecting false appearances. Some of them appeared as miserable victims of persecution. They hoisted the banner of rebellion, sneaked into the revolutionary ranks, and used as advisers.

Some of them stayed behind the scenes but stretched out their sinister hands and kindled evil fires and fanned sinister winds to create all kinds of trouble. Some of them went all out to reverse previous verdicts and gain class revenge. Some of them did all they could to undermine the great alliances, three-way alliances, and the movement to "make revolution by resuming classes." Some of them deliberately perpetrated serious medical incidents. These ghosts and monsters engaged in all kinds of evil deeds. Their crimes are innumerable. Can we continue to tolerate these evil people? No, it is no longer possible.

"The golden monkey wrathfully swung his massive cudgel, and the jade-like firmament was cleared of all dust." We must drag out all these bad people so they can be thoroughly repudiated, completely discredited, and expelled. This is necessary for the educational revolution, for the implementation of Chairman Mao's great instruction about shifting the forces of medical and public health work to the countryside, and for the comprehensive implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions to gain an all-round victory for the proletarian cultural revolution.

Proletarian revolutionaries in the educational and public health fields must fully appreciate the great significance of purifying their ranks. They must not entertain even the slightest rightist sentiment or misgiving about it. They must immediately rise, clear away all obstacles imposed by the right or the extreme left, smash the conspiracy of the class enemies to make use of revolutionary slogans with the deliberate intention of disrupting our class fronts, and fight a good battle to purify our ranks.

The experience of many units tells us that the key to the good purification of the ranks is for the revolutionary committees and revolutionary mass organizations to put daring above everything, boldly arouse the masses and strengthen their leadership, and vigorously carry out a people's war.

Before the masses are aroused, they should vigorously fan the revolutionary winds, kindle the revolutionary fire, and open fire and bombard the class enemies! After arousing the masses, they should give guidance, put proletarian politics in the fore, grasp living ideas, and take a firm hold of party policies. They should strictly differentiate the two types of contradictions and deliver steady, accurate, and telling blows at the handful of class enemies.

Experience also tells us that we must combine the purification of our ranks with repudiation of the revisionist party-building line of China's Khrushchev, and sweep away its pernicious influence in every field.

Every one of our comrades should know that ideological rectification is the foundation of organizational rectification. The purpose of seriously studying Chairman Mao's party-building line and thoroughly repudiating the revisionist party-building line of China's Khrushchev is to put organizational rectification on the firm foundation of ideological rectification. If we start from a purely class viewpoint and drag out bad people simply for the sake of dragging out bad people, it will be impossible for us to achieve the object of setting up our proletarian class ranks. Class struggle, once grasped, will achieve a great deal.

If we firmly grasp the job of purifying our ranks, the lid of class struggle in our own units will be lifted and the pool of stagnant water will become fresh.

Once this job is grasped and the black hands undermining the revolutionary great alliances, the revolutionary three-way alliance, and the movements to "make revolution by resuming classes" and "grasp revolution and promote production," have been dragged out of our revolutionary ranks, all the obstacles will be cleared. The way will be open for deepgoing mass criticism and repudiation, the task of struggle-criticism-transformation in our own units, and the forming of a proletarian revolutionary contingent that is infinitely loyal to Chairman Mao, Mao Tse-tung's thought, and his revolutionary line.

Comrades of the educational and public health fields and proletarian revolutionaries, courageously take up your battle positions, unite the two opposing factions, do a good job in the "three check-ups" and plunge into the struggle to purify your ranks. The proletarian revolutionaries of this municipality are expecting news of your victory.