

LIBERATION DAILY PUSHES PARTY RECTIFICATION

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[LIBERATION DAILY 9 March editorial: "Rectify the Party Organization in the Heat of Class Struggle"]

[Text] The editorial says that whether the work of rectifying the party organization should be carried out in our fight against the class enemy or in peace, and whether we should vigorously grasp the class struggle in this rectification work, is important to the question of whether we can attain victory in rectifying the party organization and whether Chairman Mao's great program for this work can be implemented.

The philosophy of a communist party is one of struggle. Our party was born to wage class struggle. It has developed, grown, and strengthened itself in the protracted course of class struggle. It is also for waging class struggle that we want to rectify the party organization.

Our great leader Chairman Mao teaches us: "The party organization should be composed of the advanced elements of the proletariat; it should be a vigorous and vital organization of vanguards which can lead the proletariat and the revolutionary masses in struggle against the class enemy."

It is the mission and nature of our party to wage class struggle. The rectification of the party organization or a rectification campaign is precisely a class struggle in which the broad masses of party members and revolutionary masses take the initiative to attack the class enemies.

After listing all the actions taken by the class enemies in their frenzied attack launched while we were rectifying the party organization, the editorial points out that the attack was not coincidental.

As the core of political power, the power of the party is supreme. Rectification of the party organization will signal the quick doom of the class enemies, a certain all-round victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution, and a still better consolidation of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Consequently, it cannot avoid the still more frenzied sabotage and most stubborn resistance from the class enemies. With teeth loudly grinding, they vainly hope to overthrow our party every minute; with stomach big as an ostrich, they never for one moment give up dreaming of usurping party power.

The class enemies are but a small handful, but their attack is by no means an isolated one. They have spread the reactionary ideological trend of the extreme left or right. Have not some foolish persons in our ranks, influenced and used by them, become their (?accomplices) in the revolution? Is their kind of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism, anarchist ideological trend, and counterrevolutionary evil wind of economism in harmony with the extreme left or right ideological trend emerging (?at present)? Are not those persons who want to see the collapse of the bourgeois headquarters, a bankrupt bourgeois reactionary line, and a heavily attacked revisionist line on party-building, vainly attempting to keep intact the old ideology, style of work, and tradition?

Our comrades would be foolish if they failed to see the acute, complicated, and fierce life-and-death class struggle taking place in the rectification of the party organization. It would also be foolish for them to promote "peaceful" rectification; they would only win the applause of the class enemies.

Confronted with this class struggle, the broad masses of communists and revolutionaries are holding high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought to take the initiative in launching an offensive against the enemies. Some comrades have said the first task for us communists is to engage in class struggle, and we should strive to be vanguards of the proletariat. How well they have spoken! We certainly feel we are justified and we certainly have a high fighting spirit!

Confronted with this class struggle, some comrades who have made the mistake of carrying out the bourgeois reactionary line at the early stage of the movement, seeing that the enemies are brandishing and shouting banners and slogans seemingly even more revolutionary than ours, have hesitated. "Would I make mistakes again in grasping the class struggle?" "Once bitten by a snake, even the sight of a [word indistinct] is dreaded for three years running." They thus become (?backward) ideologically from the start. Why does it not occur to them that they made mistakes mainly because they forgot Chairman Mao's teaching and allowed fear a prominent position in their minds, that they were afraid of the masses, the mass movement, and grasping class struggle?

It is by no means a reactionary line but precisely the revolutionary line we have taken in arousing the broad revolutionary masses today to take the initiative and launch the attack on the class enemies. This is also a practical action to remold one's own ideology and correct one's wrongs. We would fall into the enemies' trap if we still place fear above everything else.

The LIBERATION DAILY editorial said in conclusion that, as a tree cannot stand still while the wind keeps blowing, this struggle we are waging against the class enemies and the extreme left or right reactionary ideological trend is not only inevitable but also very necessary. As real gold is refined in a fierce flame, our vigor and vitality will emerge from the struggle. It is precisely in the white-hot flames of the class struggle that our party will be able to (?abolish the old) and accept the new, further distinguish that handful of secret agents, renegades, and diehard capitalist-roaders, so as to sweep them clearly from the party organization and train and educate vanguards of the proletariat to draw new blood into our party. It is precisely in the white-hot flames of the class struggle that Chairman Mao's great program for rectifying the party organization will be further implemented, and the party organization will really be rectified and we will have a still greater, glorious, and correct party.

Comrades who are loyal to Chairman Mao, Mao Tse-tung's thought, and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, let us advance vigorously and with vitality in the course of the class struggle!