

SHANGHAI PAPER STRESSES IDEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

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[31 January LIBERATION DAILY editorial: "Take firm hold of ideological-educational work--more on the issue that the revolutionary committees should establish proletarian authority in the course of struggle"]

[Text] The primary tasks of a revolutionary committee after its founding are to grasp ideological-educational work, run Mao Tse-tung thought study classes in a big way, fight self-interest, repudiate revisionism, further strengthen our ranks, and further unify our action and thinking on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought. The course of establishing a revolutionary committee is also a course of fighting self-interest, repudiating revisionism, and continuously striving against bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism. The establishment of a revolutionary committee indicates that the revolutionary masses have made a long step toward ideological revolutionization.

However, we must also understand the stubbornness of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism. We must understand that the struggle between proletarian ideas and bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideas will continue to take place even after the establishment of a revolutionary committee.

The most urgent task of a revolutionary committee after its founding is to continue to grasp the work of ideological education of the masses and to ideologically consolidate and strengthen the revolutionary committee itself through the running of Mao Tse-tung thought study classes. This is the most important key to exercising and using power well. This is also the soul and core of all political work.

In order to do a good job in ideological education work, it is essential to have faith in the masses and have full confidence in winning the struggle in the ideological sphere. We should not only understand the stubbornness of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism, but also the certainty of overcoming such factionalism under the beacon of the great Mao Tse-tung's thought.

The political consciousness of the revolutionary masses has been greatly heightened through the great proletarian cultural revolution in the past year and more. The facts in many units attest that the masses can rid themselves of factionalism step by step, give up individual and small group interests, and respect the party and state interests if painstaking political-ideological work on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought is carried out to educate them, to discuss and solve problems by reasoning, and to expound on the enemies' utilizing factionalism and hiding behind factionalism. Thus, the masses will fully realize the detrimental nature of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism.

Whether or not we can undertake such painstaking work is one of the important standards to determine whether or not we have faith in the masses. We must have faith in the masses and be fully convinced that we can carry out the ideological education of the masses.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "Taking firm hold of ideological education is the key to unifying the whole party to carry out a great political struggle."

We must grasp this key, and, on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought, consolidate our ranks and unify our action and thinking, thus, our revolutionary committees can lead our ranks to undertake a new fight, and, through the new fighting, can establish their proletarian authority.