

Comrade Chiang Ching's Speech *

GENERALLY speaking, the present situation in China as a whole is very good, extremely good. This extremely good situation is the result of our struggle which is led by Chairman Mao. It is the result of the great alliance of the proletarian revolutionaries and the result of the support given by the great People's Liberation Army.

In the present stage in which the proletarian revolutionaries are forging an alliance to seize power, we should launch an extensive movement to criticize and repudiate the top Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and, at the same time, gradually turn to the task of struggle [against and overthrow of those persons in authority taking the capitalist road], criticism and repudiation [of the reactionary bourgeois academic "authorities" and the ideology of the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes], and transformation [of education, literature and art and all other parts of the superstructure not corresponding to the socialist economic base] in the various departments according to local conditions.

The handful of top Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road are the representatives of capitalist restoration and the behind-the-scene bosses of the counter-revolutionary revisionist clique of the Peking municipality. For 17 years, they have been putting forward and stubbornly persisting in a bourgeois reactionary line in various fields. The proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao has been developed in the struggle against this bourgeois reactionary line. We must thoroughly wipe out the evil influences of the bourgeois reactionary line on the political, economic, ideological and cultural fronts, and plant the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought on all positions.

The task of struggle, criticism and repudiation and transformation in the various departments and the work of criticizing and repudiating the top Party per-

sons in authority taking the capitalist road are not mutually exclusive and can be integrated. The extensive criticism and repudiation of the few top Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road can give a strong impetus to the struggle, criticism and repudiation and transformation in the various departments. In its turn, the struggle, criticism and repudiation and transformation in the various departments can serve to bring about a fuller exposure and a more profound criticism and repudiation of the poisons spread on various fronts by the top Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. This requires that we exert ourselves to make a good study of Chairman Mao's works, and do good work in investigation and study.

It is essential for the socialist revolution and socialist construction to carry through the struggle, criticism and repudiation and transformation in the various units and departments successfully. It is a fundamental task, crucial for the next hundred years!

On the question of struggle, criticism and repudiation and transformation, we should not shift the target of struggle from the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. We must refute them in a thoroughgoing way. The handful of counter-revolutionary revisionist elements in the old Peking Municipal Party Committee, the old Propaganda Department of the Central Committee of the Party and the old Ministry of Culture must also be exposed, criticized and repudiated in a deeper and more thoroughgoing way.

We hope that, under the leadership of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee, the broad masses of revolutionary people in Peking will hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, consolidate and develop the revolutionary great alliance in the course of extensive revolutionary criticism and repudiation, and build Peking into a great school for the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

* Abridged text.