

Hold to the General Orientation of Revolutionary Struggle, Unfold a Deep-Going, Revolutionary Campaign of Mass Criticism

IN his article "Comments on Tao Chu's Two Books," Comrade Yao Wen-yuan, politically, ideologically and theoretically, has relentlessly exposed and penetratingly criticized the handful of top Party persons in authority, headed by China's Khrushchov, taking the capitalist road.

Comrade Yao Wen-yuan's article, an example in the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought, is cast in a pungent, vivid and forceful style. It exposes the diabolical features of Tao Chu, a double-faced counter-revolutionary. Tao Chu is an important ringleader in the bourgeois headquarters headed by China's Khrushchov. After the Eleventh Plenary Session of the Eighth Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, a session of tremendous historic significance, Tao Chu stubbornly continued to persist in the bourgeois reactionary line. He revealed himself to be ultra Right at one moment and at another pretended to be ultra "Left." The criticism and repudiation of Tao Chu, the faithful follower of China's Khrushchov, gives tremendous impetus to the current campaign to direct concentrated fire at the target and carry out revolutionary mass criticism successfully. This is an important part of the plan for the thorough criticism and repudiation of China's Khrushchov.

The key in the great proletarian cultural revolution is to follow closely the great strategic plan of Chairman Mao and hold firmly to the general orientation of the struggle. The question of whom is the spearhead of the struggle directed against is a question that concerns the principles of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought; it is a major question of right and wrong. If our spearhead of struggle is correctly directed, we will be able to score one victory after another. If our spearhead of struggle is wrongly directed, we will go astray.

The current situation in the revolution is excellent as never before. This is mainly because, during the first year of the great proletarian cultural revolution, the broad revolutionary masses all along directed the spearhead of their struggle against the handful of top

Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road, so that the latter's counter-revolutionary front totally collapsed before the power of the awakening masses. The strategic tasks of the great proletarian cultural revolution at present are: to hold still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, unswervingly hold to the general orientation of the struggle and make further efforts to carry out revolutionary mass criticism well, as well as struggle-criticism-transformation in the various units; in the course of this revolutionary mass criticism, to expand and consolidate the revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary "three-in-one" combination, consolidate and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat and win a decisive victory in the cultural revolution.

To refute and discredit the handful of China's top persons in authority taking the capitalist road politically, ideologically and theoretically, to criticize them so that their infamy will be more notorious than that of the late Trotsky and the present Khrushchov, so that they will be discredited for ever and will never be able to rise again—this is the great historic task of the proletarian revolutionaries and the broad revolutionary masses.

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Revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation is the touchstone for everybody.

Are you a proletarian revolutionary? If so, you will surely be concerned with the biggest politics, show your sense of responsibility to the proletariat and to the future of the motherland and the world revolution, and unswervingly carry this revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation through to the end.

Are you a petty-bourgeois revolutionary? Then you will waver, run with the wind whichever way it blows, be dominated by the small group mentality,

ignore the great politics of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation and deviate from the general orientation of the struggle.

At the present time, we must pay special attention to preventing any tendency to side-track, either from the ultra "Left" or from the Right, the general orientation for the struggle.

Successive victories in the great proletarian cultural revolution and the constant deepening of the class struggle force the handful of our class enemies to change their tactics from time to time. One of their present stratagems is to make use of certain anarchist trend and petty-bourgeois sectarianism within the revolutionary ranks to sow discord and fish in troubled waters. They do this under the guise of being ultra "Left," but in essence they are ultra Right. They do it in a futile attempt to undermine and split the leadership of the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and the great Chinese People's Liberation Army, the great pillar of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Their vain purpose is to divert the general orientation of the revolutionary struggle and to confuse the demarcating class line between ourselves and the enemy, thus sabotaging the great proletarian cultural revolution. The "May 16" group controlled by a handful of ringleaders recently exposed by the revolutionary masses is a counter-revolutionary clique of this kind. All revolu-

tionary comrades must heighten their vigilance and must never on any account be negligent.

We must prevent and be vigilant against sabotaging activities coming either from the Right or from the ultra "Left." We must never allow the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road, who have already been overthrown, and the conservative forces, which stick to the bourgeois reactionary line, to assault and counter-attack in revenge against the proletarian revolutionaries.

Chairman Mao teaches us: **"Only if we draw a clear line between reactionaries and revolutionaries, expose the intrigues and plots of the reactionaries, arouse the vigilance and attention of the revolutionary ranks, heighten our will to fight and crush the enemy's arrogance can we isolate the reactionaries, vanquish them or supersede them."**

Proletarian revolutionary comrades-in-arms and revolutionary comrades! In the present excellent, victorious situation, let us closely follow Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, hold firmly to the general orientation for the struggle, unite with the great majority of the cadres and the masses, pay full attention to the Party's policies and tactics, and with redoubled militancy and high spirit, dedicate ourselves to the glorious cause of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation!

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