

OPINION OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE GREAT PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

(for discussion and experimentation)

1. While making the great proletarian cultural revolution, middle schools (including intermediate technical schools and schools run on part-work and part-study or part-farming and part-study basis) must resolutely execute the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao and thoroughly criticize and repudiate the bourgeois reactionary line. They also must carry out struggle, criticism and transformation in line with the "Decision of the CCP Central Committee on the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution."

2. As from March 1, middle school teachers and students (including students who expect to graduate in 1966 but have not yet graduated) must stop going to other places to form ties. They should, as a rule, return to their schools. Those who have gone to the countryside or factories are also required to return to their schools, where they must attend their lessons on the one hand and make revolution on the other. In order to strengthen their revolutionary spirit, scientific approach and concept of organization and discipline, the middle school teachers and students must, by groups and by stages, go through a short-term military and political training.

3. Revolutionary Red Guards are vanguards of the great proletarian cultural revolution in middle schools. Red Guard organizations should be reorganized, consolidated and developed during the movement. Red Guards should be formed mainly of

revolutionary students born of families of laboring people (workers, peasants, soldiers, revolutionary cadres, and laborers engaged in other fields). Students who were not born of families of laboring people may also join the Red Guards providing they cherish deep feelings for Chairman Mao, have the proletarian revolutionary spirit and have consistently behaved themselves comparatively well politically and ideologically.

Establishment of reactionary organizations in schools is forbidden. Reactionary organizations, such as the United Action Committee and the Red Terror Team, must be disbanded as a rule. Students who have been hoodwinked and joined the reactionary organization must go through intensive political and ideological education and be allowed and helped to rectify their mistakes.

4. The situation of domination of our schools by bourgeois intellectuals must not be allowed to go on any further. On the basis of proletarian revolutionary great alliances in middle schools, cultural revolution committees should be democratically elected by the revolutionary students, revolutionary teachers and staff members and revolutionary leading cadres. These committees will be responsible for leading the great cultural revolution in schools, making concrete arrangements for teaching of lessons and properly supervising the life of teachers and students. In those schools where such committees cannot be elected for the time being, a provisional leading group may be set up through consultation among representatives of various groups.

5. In middle schools, teaching of lessons must be closely combined with the great cultural revolution. Effort must be made earnestly to study Chairman Mao's works and the Party Central Committee's documents concerning the great cultural revolution, and criticize and repudiate bourgeois teaching materials and the pedagogical system. It is also necessary to devote some time to reviewing mathematics, physics, chemistry, foreign languages and other essential courses of study. During the busy farming season, the teachers and students may be organized in a planned manner to participate in labor in the countryside and to learn things from the poor and lower-middle peasants. It is not compulsory for

students of part-work part-study schools which are assigned with productive tasks by the State to participate in labor in the countryside.

6. Nobody is allowed to retaliate upon those revolutionary students and revolutionary teachers and staff members who make criticism and disclose problems. Effort must be made earnestly to vindicate those revolutionary students and revolutionary teachers and staff members who were branded "counter-revolutionaries" and "Rightists" during the initial period of the great cultural revolution. The majority of teachers and cadres in middle schools are good or comparatively good. Do not reject and overthrow everyone.

During the great proletarian cultural revolution, struggles between one group of the masses and another must be opposed resolutely. Divergent opinions among the masses must be settled correctly by the method of marshalling facts and reasoning things out.

We must resolutely uphold struggle by reasoning and forbid violent struggle. We must follow Chairman Mao's directive "learning from past mistakes to avoid future ones and curing the sickness to save the patient" and actively supervise those who have made mistakes and help them rectify their mistakes, so that they will return to the proletarian revolutionary standpoint represented by Chairman Mao.

7. The ranks of teachers must be reorganized and purified seriously. Those landlord, rich-peasant, counter-revolutionary, and Rightist elements (referring to themselves and not their families) who cling to their reactionary standpoint and refuse to be remolded must be purged from the ranks of teachers and staff members. This is an important requirement for the proper running of a school.

8. Chairman Mao's directive "practice economy while making revolution" must be implemented earnestly and State property protected. Equipment in schools must wholly be maintained by their own effort. Those who have destroyed State property must

be educated or given disciplinary punishment according to the severity of their offense, and must make amends for the damage done.

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