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[4 January HONAN DAILY editorial: "The situation is excellent, expel interferences, and advance on the waves of victory"]

[Text] The situation in the whole country is excellent. The situation in Honan is excellent.

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The storm of struggle to seize power is at hand. Revolutionary committees are being established in successive waves in various areas and units. The founding of a provincial revolutionary committee, urgently and earnestly called for by the revolutionary people of the whole province, is like a kicking fetus in its mother's womb, and will make its birth before long to the warm acclaim of the 50 million people of the province.

In the special districts, municipalities, counties, and other units, where revolutionary committees have already been established, the revolutionization of education, literature and art, and the mass movement of struggle-criticism-transformation in each unit, are continuing to develop vigorously. The situation of the great proletarian cultural revolution in the whole province is excellent indeed.

Chairman Mao has taught us: "All revolutionary struggles in the world are for the seizure of political power, and consolidating it." With political power, the proletariat has everything. Having lost political power, the bourgeoisie has lost everything. Now, the proletarian revolutionaries are seizing power, but the handful of capitalist-roaders in the party and the ghosts and monsters in society have not given up. All reactionary forces, when they sense their doom, invariably put up a desperate last-ditch struggle. The conservative forces in society will yet stubbornly show themselves and wage a struggle. Hence, even under the excellent situation when the proletarian revolutionaries are united and bringing about a high tide in the struggle to seize power, an adverse current has appeared and a evil wind has been stirred up, interfering with Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, running counter to Chairman Mao's brilliant thesis on the excellent situation, pointing the spearhead of the struggle at the proletarian revolutionaries, and vainly attempting to hold back the wheel of history.

Can the proletarian revolutionaries overlook this adverse current? No. We must fight and advance. We must resolutely resist the interference from the right, and fight onward.

The analysis, viewpoint, and estimate of the situation are an important aspect in the struggle between the two classes and two roads. At present, the focus of the struggle between the two classes and two roads manifests itself in the viewpoint of the situation.

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The situation in August last year and since then was an adverse current from the viewpoint of the handful of capitalist-roaders in the party and the elements who stubbornly adhere to the bourgeois reactionary line, but a (?red) current and a great victory for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line from the viewpoint of the proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses.

While criticizing the excellent situation, the advocates of the "August adverse current" recently also stated deliberately, "The situation is excellent." This is not only a hypocritical expression; it really means something. They said "The situation is excellent," because an overthrown conservative force has again arisen supports them, and is being utilized by them to attempt to secure the reversal of the previous correct decisions for the bourgeois reactionary line.

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Another motive of their criticism of the excellent situation is that they want the "four great freedoms," democracy, and equality. In their viewpoint, there are no such "four great freedoms," democracy, or equality in our province, and the situation is worse than the period under the rule of the bourgeois reactionary line after the black wind in February last year.

Thus, what is the actual situation in our province? Different views are allowed to be expressed through radio and wired broadcasts, and it is a fact that your wired broadcasting stations are in operation day and night; your propaganda bills are widespread; your big-character posters can be seen and found in every street; many workers stop production, ignore work assignments, and go to take part in meetings, parades, or street debates. Is this not freedom? If not, then what kind of freedom, democracy, and equality do you have in mind? Do you really want the freedom, democracy, and equality that were prevalent in the period after the black wind in February last year?

To be frank, democracy and equality (?have) their class nature and are the hypocritical slogans of the bourgeoisie. Between the proletarian truths and the bourgeois fallacies, and in the struggle between the two lines, either the West wind prevails over the East wind, or the East wind prevails over the West wind; it is impossible to have a compromise.

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Honan is now under the rule of the proletarian revolutionaries. The type of freedom and democracy prevalent in the stage of the black wind in February last year no longer exist. You all enjoy freedom and democracy now. You have the freedom to speak, and so do we. If you criticize the excellent situation and the proletarian revolutionaries, we will struggle against you and refute your lies and slanders.

Some have criticized the excellent situation also under the pretext that "they are resisting the cruel rule." These persons do not choose the right path but lead themselves astray. They reverse right and wrong and call the wrong path a right one. They pay attention only to the tributaries but not to the main current. They have exaggerated the proletarian revolutionaries' individual, partial, and temporary shortcomings and mistakes, and called such mistakes prevalent, long-term, and general problems. These persons are making another mistake and further leading themselves astray if they have not yet learned a lesson through their misdeeds in supporting the bourgeois reactionary line during the period of the black wind in February last year and continue to direct the spearhead of struggle against the proletarian revolutionaries and the PLA standing on the side of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

The existence of this adverse current is by no means accidental. It is dominated by certain persons having ulterior motives. The renegades, special agents, the handful of unregenerate capitalist-roaders within the party, and the monsters and demons in society are all trying every means to spread lies and rumors, are sowing seeds of discord among the proletarian revolutionaries, and are engaging in sabotage and making troubles. We must heighten our vigilance, expose their schemes, and resolutely hit them hard.

In the face of this minor adverse current, the masses of revolutionary people should stand firm, judge the situation with the method of class analysis, and fight shoulder to shoulder with the proletarian revolutionaries. However, it must be pointed out that certain muddle-headed and soft-minded persons always vacillate in their stand, cannot distinguish between right and wrong or between the tributaries and the main current, and support the reactionaries at one time and the revolutionaries at another when they face a crucial movement or an adverse current. We must sincerely advise these comrades that they should judge and analyze the situation from the viewpoint of the class struggle and class analysis, be good in summing up the lessons learned through their past misdeeds, and stand firm.

The great proletarian cultural revolution has experienced one round of fierce struggle after another in the past year and more. Through each round of fierce struggle, the people have had a better understanding of the revolutionary line and the cultural revolution movement has further developed.

At present, we are facing a fierce new struggle. No doubt, when we are through with this new round of struggle, the situation throughout the province will be further improved.

We sincerely hope that the persons who still persist in choosing the wrong path instead of the right one, and who still show disagreement with Chairman Mao's latest instructions, will think thoroughly before they act, avoid sinking still deeper in the quagmire, and rein in at the brink of the precipice.

They are also urged to adhere to Chairman Mao's teachings, sincerely correct their mistakes, readjust their political orientation, rapidly return to the side of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, unite with the proletarian revolutionaries, consolidate and develop the revolutionary great alliance, and win new merits in the course of founding a new, red political power in our province.

The proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses must regard Chairman Mao's revolutionary line as their only guide to action and must resolutely oppose all words and actions running counter to Mao Tse-tung's thought and Chairman Mao's latest instructions and emerging either in right or extremely left forms.

We must adhere to Chairman Mao's latest instructions, properly judge and analyze the situation, closely follow Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, and swiftly plunge ourselves into the great struggle to win an all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.