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[LIBERATION DAILY 17 March editorial: "Break **Through** the Resistance and Keep Up the Attack"]

[Text] **The editorial says:** On the Shanghai finance and trade front a fierce offensive against the class enemy has begun. The lid of class struggle has once again been lifted. The enemy are panic-stricken; revolutionary morale is improving. The situation is excellent.

From a preliminary study of facts recently brought to light, the class struggle on the finance and trade front is very serious. We must further lift the lid of class struggle and break through the various forms of resistance. Where is the source of this resistance? It comes mainly from those persons in authority taking the capitalist road who have sneaked into the party. It also stems from the influence of old social customs.

The editorial says: As the revolution advances, resistance from the enemy becomes greater. This is particularly **true** while we are trying to consolidate the revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary three-way alliance and to gain an all-round victory in the proletarian cultural revolution. The handful of capitalist-roaders become more desperate in their struggle. Previously, they recruited deserters and renegades and formed cliques to aid their private interests and protect bad people on the finance and trade front. Now they are giving these bad people a free hand to wave the banner of rebels so that they can sneak into the revolutionary ranks and leadership groups. They shield one another for the perpetration of evil deeds, put up various forms of resistance, and spread all kinds of reactionary thoughts

From the right, they demand the reversion of everything to the old order; from the extreme "left," they shout about breaking down the old state machinery, rejecting **everything, and bombarding** the proletarian headquarters. In both cases, their purpose is to disrupt Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, vainly hoping to halt the advance of the wheel of history. At present, when we are streamlining our party organization and revolutionary mass organizations in order to further lift the lid of class struggle, they are spreading various rumors to incite the masses against one another and shift the general orientation of struggle. They also are viciously attacking those proletarian revolutionaries who adhere to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

Some people say: "You are merely conservatives making a comeback." We say: "Those who are stepping out to lift the lid of class struggle are all veteran rebels; they are loyal to Chairman Mao and closely follow his great strategic plan in dragging out the handful of party capitalist-roaders who are directing operations behind the scene and those bad leaders who have sneaked into our ranks. They are dragging out those undesirable elements who commit corruption and **theft**. This is precisely to prevent the conservatives from making a comeback. Those who previously chose the wrong side but are now struggling against the capitalist-roaders and various other class enemy are definitely proving by their actions that they have returned to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. This is very good indeed! The so-called 'conservatives making a comeback' is sheer slander."

Some people say: "You are displaying factionalism." We say: "We are proletarian revolutionaries. What are you? You are party capitalist-roaders and bourgeois reactionaries. The struggle between us is class struggle; it is a desperate struggle, far more than a factional feud. To open fire and bombard the handful of class enemy from the standpoint of the proletariat and the masses is precisely a manifestation of proletarian party spirit, not factionalism."

Some people say: "You are settling accounts after the autumn harvest." We say: "You are right. We must settle accounts. The purpose of our lifting the lid of class struggle is precisely to settle accounts with you, either after the autumn harvest or in early spring. We must lift the lid and settle accounts. You recruit deserters and renegades, commit corruption and theft, practice profiteering and speculation, hide all types of dirt and filth, and perpetrate evil deeds. Your criminal activities have been fully exposed. We must settle all accounts with you--new and old, political and economic."

The resistance of the class enemy on the finance and trade front is quite tough; their activities are still quite arrogant. In some place they have carried out converging attacks against revolutionaries and kidnaped and tortured them. This clearly reveals the serious nature of the class struggle. In the face of this life-and-death struggle between the two classes, are the administration departments of the finance and trade front and the leaders of various mass organizations putting fear or daring above everything? Are you putting self-interest or public interest above everything?

Which side are you taking? This is going to be an acid test. You should put yourself at the forefront of the struggle, boldly arouse the masses, and lead them in the attack against the class enemy. If you are timid, **hesitant**, and apathetic, you are protecting the enemy and committing a crime against the revolution. During the struggle, we must have faith in the ability of the masses to grasp party policies and to differentiate between the two types of contradictions. In mastering party policies, our purpose is to unite with the majority, concentrate our fire, and deliver steady, accurate, and telling blows at the handful of class enemies.

The editorial, in conclusion, says: **In making revolution, we naturally encounter resistance.** Chairman Mao has taught us: "In the socialist undertaking, the idea that we can easily succeed without encountering resistance or expending great energy is fantastic." Resistance will only temper revolutionaries. No matter how great the resistance, no matter what banner the class enemy wave, victory will surely be ours as long as we are armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought. We believe that, after this struggle, the revolutionary ranks will be further broadened.

[In the same program, the station reported that a rally was held by the people of Shanghai to review the current situation on the finance and trade front and stress the need of exposing certain bad elements within this front. The rally lasted three and a half days.]