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[PEOPLE'S DAILY Commentator's 22 March article: "Revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation should not be relaxed, not even for a moment"]

[Text] There are two entirely different attitudes toward the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.

One of the attitudes is: to pose the campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation against other tasks, to wage it by fits and starts, and to think that it really makes no difference whether there is such a campaign or not. If such an attitude prevails, it will be impossible for us to carry it on; furthermore, we will not be able to do well in other tasks.

The other attitude is: to regard the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation as the general orientation for struggle during the great proletarian cultural revolution, to link this campaign with other tasks, and to promote other works through this campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.

The basic content of the great proletarian cultural revolution is always the campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation. Looking back on the history of the great proletarian cultural revolution, can we find any progress, or any victory, which can be separated from the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation? It was the campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation that kindled the blazing fire of the great proletarian cultural revolution and it was this campaign that shaped the public opinion for the unprecedented great revolution. It was this campaign that ripped off the mask of the bourgeois reactionary line, exposed the true features of the handful of top capitalist-roaders in the party and their agents, and provided the necessary conditions for the proletariat to seize power.

It was this campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation that laid bare the class enemy's sinister plot of splitting up the revolutionary ranks. It helped bring about the unity among the revolutionary masses of the two factions, in some case the masses of several factions, thus bringing forth a massive revolutionary army united under Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

It was this campaign that smashed the bourgeois reactionary line of "defending the handful by attacking the majority of the people," liberated large numbers of revolutionary cadres, and promoted the revolutionary three-way alliances.

At this moment, in order to consolidate the newborn revolutionary committees, to shatter the class enemy's conspiracy of restoration, and to win an all-round victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution, it is particularly necessary for us to carry out our tasks in accordance with the developing situation by persistently carrying forward the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.

Whether or not to take hold of the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation is an important question which will show whether or not the people have the concept of class struggle, whether or not they are willing to put proletarian politics in the fore, and whether or not they are able to follow Chairman Mao's great strategic plan and put his latest instructions into effect.

The revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation campaign is an all-out offensive and a counterattack waged by the proletariat against the handful of capitalist-roaders in the party who are plotting for their restoration. It is the continuation of the class struggle which has been going on for a long time between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie.

Chairman Mao has taught us: "The imperialists and domestic reactionaries will certainly not take their defeat lying down and they will struggle to the last ditch."

The fighting tasks waged in the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution will run into obstacles laid by the class enemy in the fields of politics, ideology, theory, and organizations. To remove these obstacles, we should not lay down our sharpest combat weapon--revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation--not even for a moment.