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[Text] To carry out a converging attack on factionalism requires a major attack, not just a minor one. It calls for massive action, a hard pursuit, and severe blows. It is people's war on a big scale.

Why is people's war necessary? Does this not mean making mountain out of a molehill? Not at all. Factionalism is the magic for making class enemies invisible; it is their "commando" column--an obstacle to the implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions. It is the mortal foe of proletarian party spirit. If factionalism is not removed, it will be hard to carry out Chairman Mao's latest instructions or to achieve the all-around victory for the proletarian cultural revolution.

With factionalism being so evil and malicious, we must mobilize and rely on the masses to wage a people's war before we can be sure of victory. Factionalism is the manifestation of a malignant bourgeois individualism. Its cause is self-interest, with far-reaching effects. It still exists in serious proportion in revolutionary mass organizations that are engaged in "civil wars." It also exists in varying degrees in other revolutionary mass organizations. Under different circumstances, it takes different forms, sometimes assuming a universal character. If we do not fully mobilize and rely on the masses for people's war, we cannot be sure of a complete victory.

The converging attack on factionalism is, in other words, a "combating of self-interest and repudiating of revisionism;" it is a revolutionization of thinking. The battlecall for such a converging attack is to creatively study and apply Mao Tse-tung's thought. It is a serious struggle touching people to their soul for the further popularization, dissemination, and implementation of the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung. It must depend on the full mobilization of the masses.

To do a good job in people's war and wipe out factionalism, we must take the offensive, not the defensive. We must willingly make revolution to the very depth of our souls. We must take the initiative of attack and ferret out factionalism. We must not be timid or hesitant in taking the offensive, or be satisfied with the defensive. If we are, we will not fight this war well.

To do a good job in people's war and wipe out factionalism, we must fight battles of annihilation. Swift and vigorous action is required, permitting no hesitation. Battlefields to wipe out factionalism will be found everywhere. The crime of factionalism must be thoroughly exposed, its danger revealed, its old base cleaned out, and its poisonous roots dug up. If we are not resolute and give only perfunctory blows, if we cut the grass but do not pull up the roots, we will not fight a good battle.

To do a good job in people's war and wipe out factionalism, we must emphasize self-revolutionization. We must look for factionalism among ourselves and in our own units; then we must struggle against it. We must follow the principle of being strict to those close to us, lenient to those not so close to us. We must not oppose factionalism with factionalism, that is, to expand our own factionalism in the name of opposing other people's factionalism. For those revolutionary mass organizations that have not yet formed great alliances, it is particularly important that they always remember Chairman Mao's teaching: "The two factions should talk less about each other's shortcomings and faults, and talk more about their own. They should make more self-criticism and seek common ground on major questions while reserving differences on minor ones." In carrying out converging attacks on factionalism, they should unite against their common enemy.

To do a good job in people's war and wipe out factionalism, we must be attentive in exposing the scheme of those sinister hands that attempt to subvert proletarian dictatorship through factionalism. We must deal telling blows at all subversive activities of the class enemies. To mobilize the masses, we must carry out the three check-ups--check-up on the activities of the capitalist-roaders behind the scene, check-up on traitors and special agents, and check-up on the subversive activities of landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad elements, and rightists. We must drag out the bad people in our own units. Should the two different groups understand the situation regarding each other, they can pool their knowledge and help the masses (of both groups) in dragging out their own bad people.

The only weapon to be used in doing a good job in people's war to wipe out factionalism is the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung. In fighting this war, we must hold still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, creatively study and apply Mao Tse-tung's thought, examine, analyze, and handle everything with it; we will then be forever invincible. All revolutionary comrades must immediately rise up in action, plunge into the struggle, oppose factionalism, strike it down, carry out Chairman Mao's latest instructions to the letter, and gain the all-around victory for the proletarian cultural revolution.